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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION
2 DECEMBER 22, 2009, BEGINS ON ON PAGE 93.]

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING. THIS MORNING, IF I COULD GET
7 EVERYBODY TO PLEASE TAKE THEIR SEAT. THIS MORNING OUR
8 INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY THE VENERABLE ANGELA OH, CHOZEN-JI
9 INTERNATIONAL ZEN DAJA, HONOLULU, HAWAII, BUT ALSO IS THE
10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WESTERN CENTER FOUNDATION. AND ALSO
11 JOINED BY MR. MONTEROSO FROM THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER,
12 CORRECT? AND OUR PLEDGE THIS MORNING IS GOING TO BE LED BY
13 JORGE ROBLES, WHO IS A MEMBER OF POST 804 LOS ANGELES, HERE IN
14 BOYLE HEIGHTS. SO WOULD YOU ALL PLEASE STAND? (BELL RINGING).
15 (CHANTING). (CHIME). (CHANTING CONTINUING). (CHIME)

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17 **JORGE A. ROBLES:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WOULD YOU PLEASE FACE
18 THE FLAG? PUT YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART AND JOIN ME IN
19 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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21 **JORGE A. ROBLES:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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23 **ANGELA OH:** I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE
24 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR YOUR SERVICE TO WHAT IS OFFICIALLY
25 10.3 MILLION PEOPLE IN YOUR JURISDICTION. I'VE HEARD IT SAID



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1 14 MILLION. AND I WOULD LIKE TO ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THE SACRIFICE
2 THAT YOU MAKE EVERY DAY FOR THE PEOPLE. SO IN THE FOURTH
3 CENTURIES BEFORE CHRIST, THERE WAS A TEACHER WHO LEFT WORDS,
4 AND I'M DELIVERING THOSE WORDS TO YOU. THEY HAVE TRAVELED
5 THROUGH TIME AND SPACE TO THIS PLACE ON THE 22ND OF DECEMBER,
6 2009, IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, FROM CHINA. THEY LOVED ONE
7 ANOTHER WITHOUT KNOWING THAT TO DO SO WAS BENEVOLENCE. THEY
8 WERE SINCERE WITHOUT KNOWING THAT THIS WAS LOYALTY. THEY KEPT
9 THEIR PROMISES WITHOUT KNOWING THAT TO DO SO WAS TO BE IN GOOD
10 FAITH. THUS, THEIR ACTIONS LEFT NO TRACE AND WE HAVE NO RECORD
11 OF THEIR AFFAIRS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF
12 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

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14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS, WE'RE PLEASED TO
17 HAVE WITH US THE VENERABLE ANGELA OH, AN ORDAINED PRIEST, WITH
18 THE IN CHOZEN-JI ZEN DOJO, LOCATED IN HONOLULU, HAWAII. BORN
19 AND RAISED IN LOS ANGELES, ANGELA OH CURRENTLY SERVES AS THE
20 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WESTERN JUSTICE CENTER FOUNDATION, A
21 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION FOUNDED BY JUDGES OF THE NINTH U.S.
22 CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS AND DEDICATED TO PEACEFUL RESOLUTION
23 OF CONFLICTS. SHE RECEIVED HER JURIS DOCTORATE FROM U.C. DAVIS
24 SCHOOL OF LAW, KING HALL, WHERE SHE WAS INVOLVED IN THE CIVIL
25 DISOBEDIENCE CASE FOR HER INVOLVEMENT IN PROTESTS AGAINST



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1 INVESTMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA MADE BY THE UNIVERSITY OF
2 CALIFORNIA DURING THE NELSON MANDELA IMPRISONMENT. SHE HAS
3 BEEN AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE ORGANIZED BAR IN LOS ANGELES,
4 HAVING SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE KOREAN AMERICAN BAR
5 ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, FOUNDER OF THE
6 MULTICULTURAL BAR ALLIANCE, AND COMMISSIONER APPOINTED BY THE
7 AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT, DENNIS ARCHER, TO THE
8 A.B.A. COMMISSION ON WOMEN IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION. SHE ALSO
9 SERVED AS ONE OF SEVEN ADVISORS TO PRESIDENT CLINTON'S
10 INITIATIVE ON RACE, A WHITE HOUSE INITIATIVE THAT SOUGHT TO
11 ENGAGE THE COUNTRY ON THE FIRST NATIONAL EXAMINATION OF THE
12 LEGACY OF SLAVERY THROUGH THE PROCESS OF DIALOGUE AND STUDY OF
13 RACE RELATIONS IN AMERICA. WE HAVE KNOWN HER FOR MANY, MANY
14 YEARS AS AN ADVOCATE FOR DIALOGUE, AN ADVOCATE FOR PEACE, AN
15 ADVOCATE FOR RESOLUTION, ONE WHO STANDS UP FOR JUSTICE ACROSS
16 RACIAL AND ETHNIC LINES AS WELL AS THOSE OF NATIONAL ORIGIN
17 AND OTHER IMMUTABLE DIFFERENCES. WE'RE DELIGHTED TO HAVE HER
18 WITH US TODAY IN THIS CAPACITY AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR
19 INVOCATION THIS MORNING. [APPLAUSE.]

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21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, ANGELA, MR. MONTAROSO,
22 APPRECIATE IT. THIS MORNING, IT'S MY HONOR TO PRESENT A
23 CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO JORGE ROBLES. MR. ROBLES
24 RESIDES IN EAST L.A., ACTUALLY BOYLE HEIGHTS, AND IS A MEMBER
25 OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 804. HE SERVED AS A LANCE CORPORAL



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1 WITH THE 3RD BATTALION OF THE SECOND MARINE DIVISION OF THE
2 UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS FROM 1986 TO 1989. HIS DECORATIONS
3 INCLUDE THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL THE NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE
4 MEDAL AND A SEA SERVICE DEPLOYMENT RIBBON, AS WELL. WE WANT TO
5 THANK HIM FOR LEADING US IN OUR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE THIS
6 MORNING. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, FOR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY.
7 THANK YOU SO MUCH, AND CONGRATULATIONS THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I'M GOING TO ASK OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO
10 CALL THE AGENDA.

11

12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CLERK GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS
13 OF THE BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3, AGENDA
14 OF THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, ITEM 1-H.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED BY
17 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED
18 ON THAT ITEM.

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU. WE ARE ON PAGE 4, ON THIS ITEM,
21 WE WILL HOLD FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS,
22 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 2 THROUGH 5. ON ITEM NO. 3,
23 SUPERVISOR KNABE AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS
24 ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 4, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS



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1 THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HIS OFFICE. AND THE
2 REMAINING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ON THOSE ITEMS, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
5 ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO
6 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS 6 THROUGH 26. ON
9 ITEM NO. 6 AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, SUPERVISOR
10 ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JANUARY
11 12TH, 2010.

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13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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15 **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT WAS THAT?

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17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 6.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** 6.

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21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 8, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY
22 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JANUARY 12TH, 2010. ON
23 ITEM NO. 11, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
24 REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 19, SUPERVISOR
25 KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND ON ITEM NO. 20, THE



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1 INTERIM DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THE
2 CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN BE CONTINUED TO JANUARY 12TH, 2010 BUT
3 THE SETTLEMENT BE APPROVED TODAY. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER
4 THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ON THOSE ITEMS, MOVED BY
7 SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF
8 THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON THOSE ITEMS.

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 14, ORDINANCES FOR
11 INTRODUCTION. ON ITEM NO. 27, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
12 AGENDA, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
13 CONTINUED TO JANUARY 12TH, 2010. 27.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ITEM 27.

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17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 28, I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE
18 IN FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 6,
19 SALARIES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE RELATING TO THE
20 ADDITION, DELETION AND/OR CHANGING OF CERTAIN CLASSIFICATIONS,
21 A NUMBER OF ORDINANCE POSITIONS IN THREE DEPARTMENTS TO
22 IMPLEMENT THE FINDINGS OF THE COUNTY-WIDE INFORMATION
23 TECHNOLOGY OCCUPATIONAL STUDY. THAT ITEM'S BEFORE YOU.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED
2 BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 29, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY
5 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JANUARY 12TH, 2010.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PAGE 16, MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE
10 AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE
11 MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM NO.
12 30-A, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD
13 THIS ITEM.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 30-B IS BEFORE YOU.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MYSELF. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
20 KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND ON ITEM 30-C, THAT ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S NOT HELD?

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC IS NOT HERE.

2

3 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
4 RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED BY MYSELF. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO
5 ORDERED.

6

7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.
8 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL
9 DISTRICT NO. 5. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH? YOUR PRESENTATIONS THIS
10 MORNING?

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS MORNING WE HAVE A LITTLE CHIHUAHUA MIX.
13 MORE MIX THAN CHIHUAHUA. ANYWAY, HIS NAME IS BRUISER. SO HE'S
14 LOOKING FOR A HOME. HE'D LOOK NICE UNDER YOUR HANUKKAH BUSH OR
15 YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE. AND LITTLE BRUISER IS LOOKING FOR A HOME.
16 YOU CAN CALL 562-728-4644. AND BRUISER WILL BRING YOU A LOT OF
17 LOVE THIS COMING YEAR. YOU COULD EVEN DO IT AS A RETIREMENT
18 GIFT FOR PEOPLE THAT WE KNOW. OKAY, BRUISER? OKAY. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THOSE ARE ALL YOUR PRESENTATIONS?

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S ALL.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THIS MORNING WE HAVE A VERY SPECIAL
2 PRESENTATION. WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE SOMEONE THAT I HAVE KNOWN
3 FOR A LONG TIME. WE WERE MEETING EARLIER AND TALKING ABOUT AND
4 REMINISCING ABOUT OUR TIMES BEFORE WHEN WE WERE ALL ACTIVISTS.
5 I REMINDED HIM THAT HE WAS AMONGST ALL OF US, HE WAS THE ONLY
6 ONE WITH A REAL JOB, [LAUGHTER.] PASTOR HERRERA HAS BEEN WITH
7 THE COUNTY FOR OVER 33 YEARS. [APPLAUSE.] (LOUD CHEERS).

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9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YOU GOT A STANDING OVATION FOR THE
10 DEPARTMENT HEAD. (LOUD CHEERS AND APPLAUSE CONTINUE).

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12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THIS IS AMAZING. A STANDING OVATION FOR A
13 DEPARTMENT HEAD. VERY IMPRESSIVE. [LAUGHTER.] AND WHY NOT? HE
14 REALLY IS DESERVING. BESIDES ALL OF THE YEARS THAT HE HAS BEEN
15 WITH US AND PROVIDED LEADERSHIP IN L.A. COUNTY, ONE OF THE
16 THINGS WE ALL KNOW IS HOW HE INSPIRES PEOPLE. AND I THINK ALL
17 OF YOU CAN ATTEST TO THAT, THAT HE IS SOMEONE WHO HAS TRULY
18 MOTIVATED AND INSPIRED EVERY SINGLE ONE OF US. WE ARE VERY
19 PROUD THIS MORNING THAT JOINING PASTOR IN THIS VERY SPECIAL
20 COMMENDATION FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS SOMEONE WHO IS
21 VERY IMPORTANT TO HIM AND WHO PROBABLY IS THE ONE THAT WAS
22 INSTRUMENTAL IN TRYING TO GUIDE THE PATHWAY FOR PASTOR FOR
23 MANY YEARS, AND THAT'S HIS MAMA. CARLOTTA HERRERA IS HERE.
24 [APPLAUSE.] CARLOTTA AND I KNOW EACH OTHER, MS. HERRERA AND I
25 KNOW EACH OTHER BECAUSE SHE IS IN MY DISTRICT, AND SHE IS ONE



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1 OF THOSE CONSTITUENTS THAT IS VERY ACTIVELY INVOLVED. AND IF
2 YOU DON'T DO RIGHT BY HER, SHE WILL LET YOU KNOW. [LAUGHTER.]
3 AND SHE'S AN ACTIVIST AND SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN INVOLVED. AND
4 NOT SOMEONE WHO JUST COMPLAINS, BUT SOMEONE WHO VERY
5 AGGRESSIVELY GETS INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY AND HAS PROVIDED
6 LEADERSHIP. SO I WANT TO THANK HER FOR JOINING US AND SEEING
7 HER SO WELL AND LOOKING SO GOOD. MUCHO MAS GRACIAS, SENORA
8 HERRERA.

9

10 **CARLOTTA HERRERA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO YOU.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OH, THANK YOU. WELL, WE HAVE MANY OF
13 PASTOR'S FAMILY MEMBERS HERE. I CAN'T INTRODUCE THEM HERE, BUT
14 THEY OF COURSE INCLUDE EZEKIEL AGUILAR AND LUPE SIMPSON, RIGHT
15 BACK HERE, BOTH QUIET. THEY'RE VERY, VERY SPECIAL. PASTOR HAS
16 SPENT HIS ENTIRE COUNTY CAREER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER
17 AFFAIRS, PROTECTING THE INTERESTS OF CONSUMERS AND BUSINESSES
18 BY PROVIDING VERY FAIR, ETHICAL AND RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS
19 PRACTICES WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IN 1976, PASTOR BEGAN HIS
20 COUNTY SERVICE AS A CONSUMER AFFAIRS INVESTIGATOR AND
21 PROGRESSIVELY MOVED UP THE DEPARTMENT. HE BECAME THE ASSISTANT
22 DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, AND IN 1991 THE BOARD APPOINTED
23 HIM AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT. WOW, 17, 18 YEARS AGO,
24 PRETTY AMAZING. [APPLAUSE.] PASTOR HAS BROUGHT THE COUNTY TO
25 THE FOREFRONT WHEN IT COMES TO CONSUMER PROTECTION SERVICES,



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1 INCLUDING COUNSELING OF CONSUMERS, THE INVESTIGATION AND THE
2 MEDIATION OF CONSUMER COMPLAINTS, AS WELL AS ALERTING
3 CONSUMERS TO POTENTIAL FRAUD AND SCAMS. DUE TO OUR NATION'S
4 ECONOMIC, HOUSING, AND FORECLOSURE CRISIS THIS PAST YEAR, THIS
5 HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY CHALLENGING. YET UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF
6 PASTOR, THIS SMALL BUT VERY EFFECTIVE STAFF HAS DILIGENTLY
7 COUNSELED THOUSANDS OF CONSUMERS AS THEY WEATHERED THIS VERY
8 TOUGH ECONOMIC TIME. PASTOR, IT IS UNBELIEVABLE THAT YOU ARE
9 GOING TO BE LEAVING US. WE TALKED A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHAT HE'S
10 GOING TO GO ON TO DO AND I THINK HE HAS A VERY, VERY EXCITING
11 FUTURE. HE'S STILL A YOUNG MAN THAT HAS A LOT OF LIFE IN HIM.
12 [APPLAUSE.] BUT HE SAYS HE WANTS TO THINK ABOUT WHAT HE'S
13 GOING TO DO BEYOND PROBABLY TEACHING. BUT HOW HE IS GOING TO
14 CONTINUE TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY. THAT IS THE WAY PASTOR
15 STARTED, AS AN ACTIVIST IN THE COMMUNITY WHEN HE WORKED FOR
16 THE COMMUNITY SERVICES ORGANIZATION, HAS LED HIM TO A REAL
17 LIFE OF SERVICE THAT HE'S BEEN DEDICATED TO. AND I KNOW THAT,
18 PASTOR, WHATEVER YOU GO ON TO DO WILL BE AS SIGNIFICANT AS ALL
19 THE YEARS THAT YOU PROVIDED HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. I THINK ON
20 BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, EVERY
21 SINGLE ONE OF US HAVE BENEFITED DIRECTLY WHEN WE HAVE HAD
22 CONSTITUENTS CALL US ON THEIR ISSUES THAT SOMETIMES WE CAN'T
23 RESOLVE, WE REFER THEM OVER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER
24 AFFAIRS. AND THROUGH THE LEADERSHIP OF PASTOR AND HIS VERY,
25 VERY ABLE STAFF, IT IS AMAZING HOW MANY ISSUES YOU CAN RESOLVE



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1 AND HOW DEDICATED EACH OF THEM ARE TO RESOLVING THOSE ISSUES,
2 WHICH ARE SOMETIMES SUCH AN IMPOSSIBLE TASK FOR THE CONSUMER
3 THEMSELVES. AND SO YOUR GUIDANCE IS VERY HELPFUL TO THEM. SO
4 ON BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES ON THE BOARD, LET ME MAKE THIS
5 PRESENTATION. I DON'T KNOW WHY IT HAS A PICTURE OF A YOUNG MAN
6 WITH NO MONEY IN HIS POCKETS. [LAUGHTER.] BECAUSE CERTAINLY
7 PASTOR HAS GIVEN US AN AWFUL LOT. BUT I THINK IT'S, AGAIN,
8 IT'S A REFLECTION OF HOW HE HAS HELPED PEOPLE WHO ARE REALLY
9 DOWN AND OUT, AND PARTICULARLY OF MANY OF THE AGGRESSIVE FRAUD
10 PREVENTION PROGRAMS THAT YOU HAVE MOVED FORWARD AND THE
11 CONFERENCES AND ALL THAT THEY DO. SO, PASTOR, CONGRATULATIONS.
12 FELICITACIONES. IT IS SO DESERVED.

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14 **PASTOR HERRERA:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** PASTOR, IT'S ALL YOURS.

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18 **PASTOR HERRERA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU. THANK YOU.
19 THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, FOR THIS WONDERFUL
20 RECOGNITION AND HONOR. I'M HUMBLLED BY YOUR WORDS. AND I THINK
21 YOU REALLY HAVE DESCRIBED WHAT MY WONDERFUL STAFF HAS DONE
22 OVER ALL THESE YEARS. AND OF COURSE I WANT TO THANK ALL OF
23 YOU, MY CHEERLEADERS OUT HERE, FOR BEING HERE TODAY (LOUD
24 CHEERS AND APPLAUSE). YOU'RE WONDERFUL, I LOVE YOU ALL. AND
25 YOU'RE REALLY BEAUTIFUL. I DO WANT TO, OF COURSE, ACKNOWLEDGE



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1 THE BOARD, EACH OF THE BOARD MEMBERS HERE TODAY. THANK YOU SO
2 MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE YEARS. AND ALSO FOR YOUR
3 STAFF SUPPORT THAT THEY REALLY HAVE PROVIDED US THE GUIDANCE
4 THROUGHOUT THESE YEARS TO DEVELOP A PROGRAM, AN ORGANIZATION,
5 A DEPARTMENT THAT IS NUMBER ONE IN CONSUMER PROTECTION AND
6 NUMBER ONE IN CUSTOMER SERVICE TO CONSUMERS. I'M VERY PROUD OF
7 WHAT THE STAFF HAS DONE AND OF COURSE THE PARTNERSHIP THAT WE
8 HAVE DEVELOPED WITH EACH OF THE BOARD OFFICES. I DO WANT TO
9 PARTICULARLY THANK MY STAFF, OUR VOLUNTEERS AND OUR INTERNS.
10 THEY ARE WHAT HAS MADE THIS DEPARTMENT WHAT IT IS TODAY. MY
11 SENIOR MANAGERS, TIM BISSELL, MY CHIEF INVESTIGATOR, RIGOBERTO
12 REYES, MY CHIEF INVESTIGATOR, CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR, SORRY,
13 TIM, KIRK SHELDON, MY SPECIAL PROJECTS PERSON. JULIA LEE, MY
14 ADMINISTRATIVE DEPUTY. AND FORMER SENIOR MANAGERS, EVELYN
15 STEIN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BEING HERE. MALU RUBIO, WHO WAS
16 ALSO -- THERE SHE IS. FERN TAYLOR, WHO ALSO LEFT US TO DO
17 BIGGER AND BETTER THINGS. AND I REALLY, REALLY APPRECIATE EACH
18 OF YOU FOR HELPING ME REALLY MOVE THIS ORGANIZATION FORWARD.
19 AND OF COURSE, THE PROGRAM MANAGERS, THE STAFF AND AS I
20 MENTIONED THE VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNS, YOU WERE THE FRONTLINES.
21 YOU WERE THE FIRST RESPONDERS TO MANY OF THE ISSUES THAT WE
22 HAVE DEALT WITH THROUGHOUT THESE MANY YEARS THAT I HAVE BEEN
23 DIRECTOR, WHETHER IT WAS A LANDLORD/TENANT ISSUE, A
24 FORECLOSURE PROBLEM NOW WITH THE REAL ESTATE ISSUES THAT WE
25 ARE FACING, THE USED CAR SITUATION AND MANY, MANY MORE THAT



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1 YOU WERE THERE TO HELP ASSIST, GUIDE, RESOLVE AND TAKE CARE OF
2 THAT PROBLEM. BY THE WAY, WE USED TO HAVE A CONTEST EACH MONTH
3 IN OUR OFFICE TO SEE WHICH BOARD OFFICE REFERRED THE MOST
4 CONSTITUENTS. [LAUGHTER.] AND I WILL TELL YOU THAT AT THE END
5 OF THE YEAR, YOU ALL WERE EVEN. OKAY? [LAUGHTER.] SO THERE WAS
6 NO -- NOTHING THERE, BELIEVE ME. AND I ALSO, OF COURSE, WANT
7 TO THANK OUR BEAUTIFUL RECEPTIONIST, DIANA SODO. WHERE IS
8 DIANA? SHE PROBABLY HAS LOGGED IN MORE THAN A QUARTER OF A
9 MILLION CONSUMER WALK-INS AT OUR DOWNTOWN OFFICE, WHO LISTENS
10 TO THEM, DIRECTS THEM TO THE RIGHT DIVISION DAY IN AND DAY
11 OUT. AND OF COURSE I WANT TO GIVE A THANKS TO SOME OF THE
12 OTHER PARTNERS THAT WE HAVE WORKED WITH. OF COURSE OUR CHIEF
13 EXECUTIVE OFFICE, BILL FUJIOKA, CONGRATULATIONS ON HIS
14 RECOGNITION AND HIS FAMILY'S RECOGNITION TODAY. LARRY SHEEHAN,
15 THE OTHER DEPUTY C.E.O.S, THE BUDGET ANALYSTS THAT WE WORKED
16 WITH, THEY CHALLENGED US AND WE CHALLENGED THEM SO THEY WOULD
17 NOT TAKE MORE MONEY FROM US THAN WAS DUE. [LAUGHTER.] AND WE
18 WERE VERY, VERY STRONG ABOUT THAT. REMEMBER, WE'RE ADVOCATES,
19 AND WE DID A GOOD JOB THERE. OF COURSE, I ALSO WANT TO THANK
20 OUR COUNTY FAMILY AND OUR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS. DEFINITELY
21 THEY WERE AN ASSET TO US IN MANY, MANY WAYS. OUR DEPARTMENT
22 HEADS WHO WERE THERE FOR US WHENEVER WE HAD AN ISSUE THAT WE
23 NEEDED TO DEAL WITH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT. THE
24 STATE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS THAT WE WORK VERY CLOSELY
25 WITH IN SACRAMENTO AND HERE IN L.A., WHENEVER WE HAVE



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1 PROBLEMS, WE WERE ABLE TO WORK WITH THEM. OUR DEPARTMENT
2 ADVISORY COMMISSION, THANK YOU FOR BEING OUR AMBASSADORS OUT
3 IN THE COMMUNITY. THE PROSECUTORY AGENCIES, THE D.A.'S OFFICE,
4 THE CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, THE CITY ATTORNEY'S
5 OFFICE AND THE LEGAL SERVICES ORGANIZATIONS THAT WERE ALL
6 HELPFUL IN US MOVING FORWARD CASES OF FRAUD TO INITIATE EITHER
7 CIVIL OR CRIMINAL FILINGS WHENEVER WE SAW A MAJOR FRAUD IN THE
8 COMMUNITY. AND OF COURSE THE MEDIA, WHICH WAS GREAT IN DOING
9 OUTREACH IN THE COMMUNITY FOR US. THE SUPERIOR COURT, WHICH WE
10 DEVELOPED A GREAT PARTNERSHIP WITH THE AMERICORPS PROGRAM, OUR
11 JUSTICECORPS PROGRAM THAT WE WERE ABLE TO SERVE A LOT MORE
12 SMALL CLAIMS COURT LITIGANTS. THE COMMUNITY-BASED
13 ORGANIZATIONS, THE FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY THAT WE WORKED VERY,
14 VERY CLOSELY WITH. THE EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY, WHERE WE WERE
15 ABLE TO NOT ONLY EDUCATE BUT ALSO THEY WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE US
16 INTERNS TO OUR OFFICE, AND WE WERE ABLE TO HIRE SOME OF THOSE
17 INTERNS, PARTICULARLY CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE, CAL STATE LONG
18 BEACH, LOYOLA MARYMOUNT, ALSO U.S.C., I HAVE TO THROW THEM IN,
19 TOO, OF COURSE. AND U.C.L.A., AND A GREAT PARTNER DOWN THE
20 STREET, EVANS COMMUNITY ADULT SCHOOL. AND I ALSO WANT TO, OF
21 COURSE, THANK MY FAMILY THAT IS HERE TODAY FOR THEIR SUPPORT.
22 THEY'RE THE ONES THAT MAKE MY LIFE BEAUTIFUL, THAT BALANCES MY
23 PROFESSIONAL LIFE WITH MY PRIVATE LIFE. AND I WANT TO THANK
24 LUPE, MY SISTER, VIALDEZ, WHO SET THE PATHWAY FOR US AS WE
25 MOVED FORWARD. THANK YOU, LUPE. MY BROTHER CARLOS, THE BABY.



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1 I'M THE MIDDLE GUY, SO I BALANCE THEM OFF. THANK YOU VERY
2 MUCH. AND MY NIECES AND NEPHEW, CHRISTINA, LAUREN, KATHY,
3 DEREK. AND JOHN MY BROTHER-IN-LAW AND HILDA ANASEGELD HERE.
4 THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING THERE FOR ME ALL THE TIME. AND OF
5 COURSE, LAST BUT NOT LEAST, THE TRAILBLAZER HERE, THE 94-YEAR-
6 OLD LADY HERE THAT PAVED THE WAY FOR US THROUGH SO MANY
7 SITUATIONS, CRISES AND CHALLENGES. THANK YOU, MOM. THANK YOU
8 FOR YOUR PRAYERS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR DIRECTION. AND GOD BLESS
9 YOU FOR MANY MORE YEARS. I REALLY APPRECIATE IT. [APPLAUSE.]
10 AGAIN, THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU, BOARD MEMBERS, FOR
11 THIS GREAT HONOR. I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE IT. AND WE WILL
12 CONTINUE OUR TRADITION AT THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS.
13 YOU'RE IN GOOD HANDS. AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL AND HAVE A NICE,
14 NICE HOLIDAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR? IF WE COULD SAY A COUPLE WORDS
17 UP HERE? FIRST OF ALL, PASTOR, WE WORKED TOGETHER FOR 15
18 YEARS. AND I HAVE TO SAY I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU ANGRY, AGITATED.
19 YOU ALWAYS HAD A SMILE ON YOUR FACE AND A CAN-DO ATTITUDE AND
20 YOU MADE A REAL DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF MY CONSTITUENTS AND
21 THOSE OF MY COLLEAGUES. IT'S COINCIDENTAL, BUT I JUST IN THE
22 MAIL THIS MORNING RECEIVED A NOTE FROM ONE OF MY ADVISORY
23 COMMISSION MEMBERS ON THE CONSUMER AFFAIRS ADVISORY
24 COMMISSION. I JUST WANT TO READ IT, IT'S SHORT, BECAUSE I
25 THINK IT SAYS IT ALL ABOUT YOUR ADMINISTRATION IN THE



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1 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS. "DEAR ZEV, I WOULD LIKE TO
2 BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION THE OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND DEDICATION
3 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS.
4 BEING A COMMISSIONER FOR MANY YEARS NOW, I'VE WORKED THE
5 DEPARTMENT ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS ON BEHALF OF MY CLIENTS. IT
6 WAS ALWAYS VERY REWARDING. LAST MONTH, I PERSONALLY HAD TO
7 EXPERIENCE THE STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS BY WHICH MATTERS WERE
8 SOLVED. HAVING NOW WITNESSED THIS MYSELF, I CAN ATTEST TO THE
9 DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION TO THE SMALLEST DETAILS AND SWIFT
10 SERVICE. FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT, PASTOR HERRERA
11 AND THE DEPARTMENT'S CHIEF INVESTIGATOR, RIGOBERTO REYES, TO
12 INVESTIGATOR ARI DEGUZMAN AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS SPECIALIST CURT
13 SHELTON, EVERYONE WAS HELPFUL, INSIGHTFUL, AND THOROUGH. I AM
14 EVEN MORE PROUD TO SAY THAT I'M A COMMISSIONER OF THE LOS
15 ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS." I THINK THAT
16 SPEAKS -- YOU KNOW, THERE'S AN OLD SAYING IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD
17 THAT THE FISH STINKS FROM THE HEAD. WHEN THINGS GO RIGHT, IT
18 ALSO REFLECTIVE OF THE HEAD. YOU HAVE SET THE TONE OF
19 PROFESSIONALISM AND COMPASSION IN YOUR DEPARTMENT, AND IT HAS
20 REVERBERATED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY TO INDIVIDUAL PEOPLE LIKE
21 THE ONE I'VE JUST READ FROM. AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.
22 I'M NOT HAPPY YOU'RE LEAVING, PASTOR, BUT YOU'VE EARNED A
23 HEALTHY AND HAPPY RETIREMENT. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]
24
25 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR?



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** I WOULD JUST ADD ON TO WHAT SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY
5 HAD INDICATED. PASTOR, WE'VE WORKED TOGETHER FOR A LONG TIME,
6 NOT ONLY DURING MY TENURE AS COUNTY SUPERVISOR, BUT CHIEF OF
7 STAFF TO DEAN DANA PRIOR TO THAT. JUST A WONDERFUL
8 PROFESSIONAL WORKING RELATIONSHIP WE'VE HAD. AND I THINK WE
9 ALL HAVE OUR OWN PASTOR STORIES ABOUT HOW HE HAS HELPED US DAY
10 IN AND DAY OUT WHEN HE AND HIS TEAM AND THE CONSTITUENTS THAT
11 WE SERVE. BUT IN ONE PARTICULAR CASE IT WAS VERY SPECIAL TO
12 ME, IT WAS MY MOTHER. WE WERE ABLE TO HAVE AN OUTCOME THAT
13 ACTUALLY BECAME OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE, EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS
14 LIVING IN IDAHO, THE SCAM WAS BASED HERE IN SOUTHERN
15 CALIFORNIA. AND YOU AND YOUR STAFF WERE INCREDIBLY HELPFUL,
16 NOT ONLY TO HER, BUT TO HELP UNCOVER A NATIONAL SCAM. I JUST
17 WISH YOU GOD'S BLESSINGS AND A WONDERFUL HEALTHY, HEALTHY
18 RETIREMENT. GOD BLESS YOU. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY, LET ME JUST SAY IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE TO
23 WORK WITH PASTOR. HE'S GOT THE MOST PROFESSIONAL DEMEANOR AND
24 RESULTS. THE CONSTITUENTS WHO HAVE HAD ALL TYPES OF CONSUMER
25 PROBLEMS, GET THEM RESOLVED WITH YOUR HELP AND YOUR



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1 ASSISTANCE. YOU HAVE A GREAT STAFF THAT'S ORGANIZED DOWN
2 THERE. HOW YOU ALL CAN FIT IN THAT ONE LITTLE OFFICE IS
3 AMAZING. [LAUGHTER.]

4

5 **PASTOR HERRERA:** IT'S THE UNDERGROUND, OKAY?

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S THE UNDERGROUND. YOU SEE EVERYBODY GOING
8 IN BUT NOBODY COMING OUT. [LAUGHTER.]

9

10 **PASTOR HERRERA:** WE TAKE CARE OF THEM.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU TAKE CARE OF THEM. BUT WE REALLY WILL
13 APPRECIATE YOUR LONG-TIME SUPPORT, PROFESSIONALISM, INTEGRITY
14 AND ABILITY TO GET THE JOB DONE. AND YOU'RE A GREAT EXAMPLE
15 AND GREAT ROLE MODEL. IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE FOR MY STAFF AND I
16 TO WORK ALONGSIDE YOU.

17

18 **PASTOR HERRERA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

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20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME
23 CHAIR. AND TO PASTOR, WE ACKNOWLEDGE YOU AS A CONSUMMATE
24 PROFESSIONAL, ONE WHO HAS AN OBVIOUS SENSE OF HUMOR, ONE WHO
25 IS BOTH GENTLE AND AT THE SAME TIME FIRM. YOU'VE LED WITH



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1 DISTINCTION, AND IT'S ONLY A TRIBUTE TO THAT VERY SERVICE THAT
2 WE ARE HERE TODAY TO CELEBRATE THIS MOMENT WITH YOU WITH A
3 SENSE OF HONOR AND APPRECIATION FOR THE WORK THAT YOU'VE DONE
4 FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WHO IN MANY
5 INSTANCES NEEDED YOU DESPERATELY. THANK YOU, PASTOR.

6 [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE'RE HONORED THIS MORNING TO ALSO HAVE A
9 LONG-TIME FRIEND OF THE FAMILY, OF PASTOR'S FAMILY,
10 CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS. [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **MAXINE WATERS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GLORIA, I AM SO HONORED
13 AND PLEASED THAT I'M ABLE TO BE HERE TODAY WITH PASTOR HERRERA
14 BECAUSE HIS FAMILY HAVE BEEN FRIENDS WITH MY FAMILY AND MY
15 STAFF FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. I HAVE CALLED ON HIM MORE THAN 100
16 TIMES WITH ALL KINDS OF QUESTIONS ABOUT FRAUD AND CONSUMER
17 COMPLAINTS. HE'S ALWAYS BEEN THERE FOR THE CONSTITUENTS OF
18 THIS COUNTY. HE IS A WELL-ORGANIZED HUMAN BEING WITH SUCH A
19 LEVEL PERSONALITY THAT HE CAN DEAL WITH ANYTHING OR ANYBODY.
20 BUT EVEN MORE THAN PASTOR, HIS MOTHER, CARLOTTA, IS ONE OF THE
21 DEAREST FRIENDS THAT I'VE HAD SINCE I'VE BEEN ELECTED TO
22 OFFICE. SHE IS SUCH A STRONG CONSTITUENT. SHE'S WELL-
23 ORGANIZED. SHE KNOWS THE COMMUNITY. AND WHEN I FIRST RAN FOR
24 OFFICE, GLORIA, SHE INTRODUCED ME TO EVERYBODY IN THE
25 COMMUNITY. AND I SHALL NEVER, EVER FORGET THAT. I'M SO PLEASED



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1 SHE'S HERE TODAY. ACTUALLY, I WANTED TO SEE HER MORE THAN I
2 WANTED TO SEE PASTOR. [LAUGHTER.] [APPLAUSE.] [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IT'S CHRISTMAS.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MAKE SURE YOU GET A PHOTOGRAPH OF THAT.
7 STAND RIGHT CLOSE, MAXINE.

8

9 **MAXINE WATERS:** I'M GOING TO HIS DISTRICT AND CAMPAIGN FOR HIM.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THOSE ARE ALL MY PRESENTATIONS.
12 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR,
15 AND TO COLLEAGUES, THIS IS YET ANOTHER VERY SPECIAL -- THIS IS
16 A DAY OF VERY SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS. AND SO MAY I HAVE THE
17 HONOR OF ASKING MS. LINDA FUJIOKA, THE WIFE OF THE LATE
18 WILLIAM FUJIOKA, TO COME FORWARD SO THAT WE CAN MAKE THIS
19 PRESENTATION. AND THEN WE'D LIKE HER SON, WILLIAM T FUJIOKA,
20 THE COUNTY'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, IF HE WOULD COME
21 FORWARD. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE HIS SON, JASON, TO JOIN US. AND
22 THEN JANE HARA, WHO IS THE WIFE OF FRED FUJIOKA, LINDA'S SON,
23 BILL'S BROTHER. AND TOSH HIGA IS IN THE HOUSE. GIVE THEM ALL A
24 BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE ALREADY BEFORE WE EVEN GET STARTED.
25 [APPLAUSE.] MADAME CHAIR, MADAME CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, THE



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1 TIME OF THE JAPANESE ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR IN 1941, IT WAS
2 DECEMBER. WILLIAM FUJIOKA, THE GRANDFATHER, WAS A PRE-MEDICAL
3 STUDENT AT U.C. BERKELEY. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, EXECUTIVE ORDER
4 9066 WAS SIGNED BY THEN PRESIDENT FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT,
5 PULLING MR. FUJIOKA, ALONG WITH 2,500 OTHER JAPANESE AMERICAN
6 STUDENTS FROM THEIR EDUCATIONAL PURSUITS IN CALIFORNIA'S
7 HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS. HIS FATHER, FRED, A SUCCESSFUL
8 BUSINESS OWNER, WAS IMPRISONED. HIS FAMILY WAS INTERRED IN A
9 CAMP IN WYOMING. AND HE ENLISTED IN THE 444 SECOND REGIMENTAL
10 COMBAT TEAM FIGHTING FOR THE UNITED STATES IN EUROPE ALONG
11 WITH OTHER ASIAN AMERICAN SOLDIERS. THOUGH HIS SERVICE IN THE
12 ARMY EARNED HIM TWO PURPLE HEARTS AND A BRONZE STAR, AMONG
13 OTHER DECORATIONS, THE DISRUPTION OF HIS EDUCATION AND THE
14 VIOLENCE AND GORE OF THE WAR DERAILED HIS DREAMS OF BECOMING A
15 DOCTOR. AT THEIR JULY 2009 MEETING, THE UNIVERSITY OF
16 CALIFORNIA BOARD OF REGENTS VOTED TO AWARD HONORARY DEGREES TO
17 ALL JAPANESE AMERICANS WHO WERE STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY
18 DURING WORLD WAR II AND WHOSE EDUCATIONS WERE DISRUPTED BY
19 INTERNMENT. AND SO ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER THE 13TH, IN A CEREMONY
20 AT U.C. BERKELEY, LINDA FUJIOKA ACCEPTED HER LATE HUSBAND'S
21 HONORARY DEGREE WITH HER TWO SONS, WILLIAM AND FRED, WHO AIM
22 TO RESTORE THEIR FAMILY'S LEGACY AND BECOME GREAT, JUST LIKE
23 THEIR GRANDFATHER FRED. MR. FUJIOKA WAS ONE OF APPROXIMATELY
24 700 STUDENTS AWARDED HONORARY DEGREES UNDER THE REGENTS'
25 DECISION, MANY OF WHICH WERE AWARDED POSTHUMOUSLY AND RECEIVED



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1 BY FAMILIES IN CEREMONIES AT FOUR U.C. CAMPUSES: SAN
2 FRANCISCO, BERKELEY, DAVIS, AND LOS ANGELES. AND THIS WAS MADE
3 POSSIBLE BY OUR COLLEAGUE AND LONG-TIME FRIEND AND ASSOCIATE,
4 ASSEMBLY MEMBER WARREN FURUTANI. HIS LEGISLATION MADE ALL OF
5 THIS POSSIBLE, AND WE'RE DELIGHTED TO HAVE ASSEMBLYMAN
6 FURUTANI HERE WITH US TODAY, ALSO. HE DESERVES AN
7 ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] SO ALL OF
8 US ARE PROUD TO ACKNOWLEDGE MR. FUJIOKA TODAY BY PRESENTING
9 THIS SCROLL TO HIS WIFE AND MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY WHO CONTINUE
10 TO UPLIFT HIS LEGACY THROUGH THEIR WORK. AND WE WANT TO SAY
11 THANK YOU, MS. FUJIOKA, FOR CONTRIBUTING TO OUR COMMUNITY BY
12 CONTINUING TO BE AN EDUCATOR. WE'RE GLAD TO JOIN WITH YOU
13 TODAY AND TO JOIN WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, WHO MADE
14 THE RIGHT DECISION, THE PROPER DECISION, MR. FURUTANI, TO
15 RECOGNIZE THE WORK AND DEDICATION OF ITS CITIZENS WHO WERE
16 TREATED AND SUBJECTED TO INJUSTICE. BUT WE'VE LIVED LONG
17 ENOUGH TO CELEBRATE THEM AND THEIR LEGACY. AND THAT LEGACY
18 STANDS BEFORE YOU. MRS. FUJIOKA? [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **WARREN FURUTANI:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
21 THOMAS. MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF
22 EDUCATION -- EXCUSE ME, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. [LAUGHTER.] IT'S
23 A PLEASURE AND HONOR TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS
24 PRESENTATION. A.B.37, THE BILL THAT WE PASSED IN THE
25 LEGISLATURE, ALSO HAS HONORARY DEGREES CONFERRED TO CAL STATE



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1 UNIVERSITY, THE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AND WE'RE ALSO VERY
2 STRONGLY APPEALING TO PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS, LIKE U.S.C., TO
3 FOLLOW SUIT AND TO DO THE SAME. THIS GENERALLY FITS UNDER THE
4 HEADING OF "UNFINISHED BUSINESS." AND ONE OF THE BLESSINGS OF
5 BEING AN ELECTED OFFICIAL IS TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO RIGHT
6 PAST WRONGS, CORRECT MISTAKES MADE IN THE PAST AND HOPEFULLY
7 PROVIDE A BETTER FUTURE. IT'S BEEN REALLY A PLEASURE TO SEE
8 THE SMILE ON THE FACES OF THOSE THAT HAVE RECEIVED THESE
9 DEGREES. AND IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE AND HONOR TO SERVE L.A.
10 COUNTY IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **LINDA FUJIOKA:** WELL THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE HONOR. YOU
13 KNOW, THE FUJIOKA FAMILY STORY IS JUST ONE OF A THOUSAND
14 STORIES THAT HAPPENED AFTER WE CAME BACK AFTER THE CAMPS,
15 RELEASED FROM THE CAMPS. AND I ALWAYS SAY THAT, YOU KNOW, WE
16 WERE GIVEN \$25 AND CAR FARE HOME. AND I THINK WE'VE
17 ACCOMPLISHED QUITE A BIT SINCE THEN. THANK YOU SO MUCH.
18 [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** MY COMMENTS WILL BE REAL BRIEF. WE WANT TO
21 THANK SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND THE ENTIRE BOARD FOR
22 RECOGNIZING MY FATHER. BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY FOR RECOGNIZING MY
23 MOTHER. 81 YEARS OLD, TEACHES THREE DAYS A WEEK AT MULTNOMAH
24 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. [APPLAUSE.] I THINK SHE EMBODIES THE SPIRIT
25 OF ALL ETHNIC GROUPS, ALL IMMIGRANTS WHO HAVE HAD MANY, MANY



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1 OBSTACLES, BUT THEY'VE OVERCOME THOSE OBSTACLES TO NOT ONLY
2 PROVIDE FOR HER FAMILY, BUT TOUCH THE LIVES OF MANY PEOPLE.
3 BUT WHAT I ALSO HAVE IS MY FATHER'S DEGREE. AND IT SAYS THAT
4 THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKELEY HONORS, IT SAYS HIS
5 NAME. WILLIAM TETERO, NOT T, THAT'S ME, WILLIAM TETERO
6 FUJIOKA, WHO WAS REMOVED FROM STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY BY
7 REASON OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 9066, WHICH EVACUATED, RELOCATED AND
8 INTERNED CITIZENS AND PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIENS OF JAPANESE
9 ANCESTRY DURING WORLD WAR II. THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT
10 BERKELEY PROUDLY ACKNOWLEDGES YOUR STRENGTH AND PERSEVERANCE
11 IN THE FACE OF SUCH TREMENDOUS ADVERSITY. AND I THINK IT'S
12 VERY, VERY SPECIAL THAT THIS DEGREE WAS GIVEN, BUT EVEN MORE
13 SPECIAL THAT THEY RECOGNIZED WHAT HAPPENED. AND THEY
14 RECOGNIZED THE INJUSTICE AND THEY PUT IT ON THIS PARTICULAR
15 DIPLOMA. AND THERE'S SOMETHING IN WRITING IN LATIN THAT I
16 DON'T COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND. BUT THERE'S TWO WORDS THAT I KNOW
17 WHAT IT MEANS. IT SAYS JUSTICE RESTORED. AND THAT'S WHAT IT
18 IS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WELL, CONGRATULATIONS, BILL, AND TO YOUR
21 ENTIRE FAMILY. VERY, VERY DESERVING. WHAT A NICE GESTURE. MR.
22 FURUTANI, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR PROVIDING LEADERSHIP ON THAT.
23 THAT WAS UNBELIEVABLE. THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. I THINK THAT
24 CONCLUDES OUR PRESENTATIONS. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU'RE UP
25 FIRST.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING ADJOURNMENTS,

3 THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY IN MEMORY OF ROY DISNEY, WHO WAS A LONG-

4 TIME SENIOR EXECUTIVE OF THE WALT DISNEY COMPANY, WHICH HIS

5 FATHER, ROY, AND HIS UNCLE, WALT, HAD FOUNDED MANY, MANY YEARS

6 AGO. HE HAD SERVED AS A CONSULTANT FOR THE COMPANY AND

7 DIRECTOR EMERITUS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. HE PLAYED A KEY

8 ROLE IN THE REVITALIZATION OF DISNEY'S ANIMATION LEGACY AND

9 WAS CREDITED WITH PIONEERING DISNEY'S NEW GOLDEN AGE OF

10 ANIMATION WITH SUCH HITS AS THE LITTLE MERMAID AND THE LION

11 KING. HE WAS ALSO A MAJOR PHILANTHROPIST, FILM MAKER AND

12 RECORD-SETTING SAILOR. HE HELD SEVERAL SAILING SPEED RECORDS,

13 INCLUDING THE LOS ANGELES TO HONOLULU ALL TIME RECORD. HE WAS

14 ALSO A TRUSTEE TO THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF THE ARTS IN THE

15 SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. WALTER OBERS, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE

16 OF 92. HE HAD SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AIR FORCE

17 DURING WORLD WAR II. WHEN HE RETURNED, HE WAS MARRIED AND THEN

18 WORKED AS VICE PRESIDENT FOR THE CALIFORNIA FEDERAL SAVINGS

19 AND LOAN. CARLOS RUIZ, WHO WAS THE HUSBAND OF THE LATE YOLANDA

20 "YOLI" RUIZ, PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 14TH. YOLI WORKED FOR OUR

21 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IN WASHINGTON, D.C.'S OFFICE FOR MANY,

22 MANY YEARS, A WONDERFUL LADY, DELIGHTFUL LADY A, AND CARLOS

23 WAS ALWAYS BY HER SIDE. HE HAD RETIRED AFTER WORKING FOR THE

24 VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION. AND TOGETHER THEY RAISED EIGHT

25 CHILDREN. AND HE PASSED AWAY, AS I SAID, ON DECEMBER 14TH, AT



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1 THE AGE OF 78. JENNIFER JONES, THE ACTRESS WHO WON THE ACADEMY
2 AWARD FOR HER PERFORMANCE OF "THE SONG OF BERNADETTE," AND
3 ALSO WAS QUITE INVOLVED WITH PASADENA'S NORTON SIMON MUSEUM OF
4 ART. IN 1991, SHE WAS CHAIRWOMAN OF THE NORTON SIMON
5 FOUNDATION, WHICH HAD OVERSEEN THE MUSEUM'S INTERIOR AND
6 GARDEN RENOVATIONS, AND ALLOWING AN INCREASED ACCESS TO THE
7 PUBLIC OF THE MUSEUM'S ART COLLECTIONS. A GOOD FRIEND, LORIE
8 O'LOUGHLIN, SHE PASSED AWAY ON NOVEMBER 29TH AT THE AGE OF 75.
9 BORN IN ILLINOIS, LIVED MOST OF HER ADULT LIFE IN GLENDALE.
10 SHE AND HER HUSBAND TOM WERE ACTIVE IN SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
11 AND CHOIR IN GLENDALE AND A VOLUNTEER AT THE GLENDALE MEMORIAL
12 HOSPITAL. AND SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND TOM, AND THEIR
13 TWO CHILDREN, BRAD AND GREG. ANOTHER GOOD FRIEND, ALSO FRIENDS
14 OF THE O'LOUGHLINS, WAS JUDITH ASALYN RUZICKA WHO PASSED AWAY
15 AT THE AGE OF 78. THEY LIVED IN GLENDALE FOR 63 YEARS. SHE WAS
16 A GRADUATE OF HOOVER HIGH AND OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE AND
17 UNIVERSITY OF OREGON. SHE RETIRED WITH HER HUSBAND, STAN, TO
18 THE PALM DESERT WHERE THEY WERE INVOLVED WITH THE FRIENDSHIP
19 CHURCH AND BIBLE STUDY. SHE WAS WOMAN OF THE YEAR BY THE
20 VERDUGO MENTAL HEALTH CENTER AND WAS NOMINATED MANY YEARS AGO
21 AND SERVED AS THE PRESIDENT IN ONE OF THE ORGANIZATIONS. JAMES
22 CORRADI, FATHER OF PAMELA AND HUSBAND TO VICTORIA, PASSED
23 AWAY. LELAND RICHARD MCBRIDE, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF PALMDALE,
24 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 76. DAVID KIDLOW MATHERLY, WHO WAS A
25 DOCTOR, GRADUATE FROM THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COLLEGE OF



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1 OPTOMETRY AND SERVED AS AN OPTOMETRIST FOR 36 YEARS IN THE
2 ANTELOPE VALLEY. OCIE JEFFERSON, RETIRED LOS ANGELES COUNTY
3 DEPUTY SHERIFF. HIS LAST ASSIGNMENT WAS THE TRANSPORTATION
4 BUREAU. HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 69. JAMES WILLIAM
5 GARRETT, LIFELONG RESIDENT IN ANTELOPE VALLEY IN LANCASTER,
6 WAS AN ARTIST. JAMES FIELDEN, ALSO SERVED IN THE AEROSPACE
7 INDUSTRY AS AN ENGINEER FOR MOST OF HIS CAREER AND WAS THE
8 FORMER DISTRICT CHAIRMAN OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, A
9 MEMBER OF THE MASONIC LODGE AND THE ELKS, ALSO FROM THE
10 ANTELOPE VALLEY. BARBARA ANN BRITT, SHE WAS THE CREATOR
11 BARBARA ANN INTERIORS, A HOME DESIGN SERVICE FIRM. SHE SERVED
12 AS SENIOR DESIGNER TO SHAPELL INDUSTRIES AND OVER THE YEARS,
13 SHE SERVED MANY OF THE CLIENTS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, AS
14 WELL AS GREATER LOS ANGELES. SO THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENT
15 MOTIONS.

16
17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS.

18
19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE UP ITEM 3 AND HEAR THE
20 PUBLIC COMMENT. I KNOW THERE WERE PEOPLE IN ANTELOPE VALLEY
21 WHO WANT TO TESTIFY. AND THEN THOSE WHO ARE HERE WANT TO
22 TESTIFY ON ITEM NO. 3. AND THEN MOVE, THIS WOULD BE ONE OF THE
23 ITEMS WE DISCUSS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION WHEN WE GO INTO
24 EXECUTIVE SESSION.



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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MICHAEL, AS I UNDERSTAND, WE
2 HAVE ABOUT 20-SOME PEOPLE WHO WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY IN SUPPORT
3 OF YOUR MOTION. AND THEN THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE HERE WHO WOULD
4 LIKE TO TESTIFY, AS WELL. SO IF YOU'LL PERMIT ME, I THINK WE
5 ARE CONNECTED TO THE REMOTE, AND IF YOU DON'T MIND, WE WILL
6 LIMIT EACH PERSON'S TESTIMONY TO ONE MINUTE. IS THAT
7 ACCEPTABLE? OKAY. SO LET'S BEGIN. AND I TAKE IT THAT YOU CAN
8 GET US REMOTELY THERE. AND I HOPE I HAVE THE CORRECT ORDER. SO
9 FIRST OF ALL WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN WITH MISS UPTON KNITTLE,
10 ALEXIS UPTON KNITTLE. FOLLOWED BY SHARON HOWELL.

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12 **ALEXIS UPTON KNITTLE:** GOOD MORNING, I'M ALEXIS UPTON KNITTLE,
13 A RESIDENT OF LEONA VALLEY. THE WHOLE ISSUE OF THE VIOLATION
14 OF C.E.Q.A. PROCESS WITH REGARD TO THE SEGMENTATION OF THE
15 PROJECT HAS BEEN PUBLICLY ON THE TABLE AT PUBLIC HEARINGS AND
16 LEGAL DOCUMENTS AND LETTERS WITH RESPECT TO SEGMENT 1 THROUGH
17 11 OF THE T.R.T.P. ORIGINALLY THE TEHACHAPI RENEWABLE ENERGY
18 PROJECT WAS ONE PROJECT. SEGMENTATION OCCURRED LATER SO THAT
19 THE ADDRESSING OF CUMULATIVE IMPACTS WAS NOT POSSIBLE. THE
20 IMPACT OF THE WHOLE PROJECT ON LEONA VALLEY WILL ENCAPSULATE
21 OUR COMMUNITY AND CAUSE THE ROADS ON THE EAST, THE WEST, THE
22 SOUTH AND THE NORTH TO PREVENT US FROM FIRE SUPPRESSION IN THE
23 EVENT OF A FIRE STORM. ADDITIONALLY, WHEN WE MET AT ONE POINT
24 WITH THE C.P.U.C., THEY WERE UNAWARE OF THE RURAL TOWN
25 COUNCILS AS WELL AS THAT THE COMMUNITY OF LEONA VALLEY WAS



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1 UNDER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THEY DID NOT KNOW THE ACTUAL
2 ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF HOW THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
3 OVERSAW THE PROJECT. THEY WERE NOT AWARE OF IT. THEY ASKED US
4 AFTER THE MEETING, "HOW DO WE CONTACT YOU PEOPLE"? AT THE
5 PUBLIC HEARING RECENTLY FOR THE BARON RICH PROJECT --

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7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** JUST SO YOU KNOW, EVERYONE HAS ONE MINUTE.
8 THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

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10 **ALEXIS UPTON KNITTLE:** THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NEXT WE HAVE MISS SHARON HOWELL, FOLLOWED
13 BY MISS ELEONORA SHIRK. MISS HOWELL?

14

15 **SHARON HOWELL:** HELLO, I AM SPEAKING TO THE HIDDEN AGENDAS,
16 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, AND MISREPRESENTATIONS BY SOUTHERN
17 CALIFORNIA EDISON AND THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE. I AM SUBMITTING
18 EXHIBITS INTO THE RECORD FOR ANTELOPE PARTY HIGH VOLTAGE
19 TRANSMISSION LINE SEGMENT 1, ALTERNATIVE 2. THE CLAIMS BY
20 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON AND U.S. FOREST SERVICE THAT
21 ALTERNATIVE 2 WAS THE BEST ROUTE TO DECREASE NEGATIVE SCENIC
22 IMPACT IS UNTRUE. THESE EXHIBITS GOING MILE MARKER BY MILE
23 MARKER IN BOUQUET CANYON SHOW THIS ROUTE CROSSES SCENIC
24 HIGHWAYS AND IS MORE VISIBLE TO THE PUBLIC THAN THE ORIGINAL
25 PROPOSED AND EXISTING CORRIDOR. IN ADDITION, NONE OF THE OTHER



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1 ALTERNATIVE ROUTES REQUIRED HUGE SPHERES, THESE BALLS ARE
2 STRUNG ACROSS THESE HIGHWAYS AND VISTAS. ALL OF THESE
3 POTENTIAL HIDDEN AGENDAS, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, AND
4 MISREPRESENTATIONS, PAST AND PRESENT, NEED TO BE INVESTIGATED,
5 PROSECUTED AND REMEDIED. I RESPECTFULLY URGE YOU TO APPROVE
6 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S MOTION.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MISS SHIRK, FOLLOWED BY MISS
9 JANET HOMAN.

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11 **ELEONORA SHIRK:** I AM A RESIDENT OF ACTON, AND I WOULD LIKE TO
12 THANK THE BOARD FOR GOING ON AND HELPING US TO FIGHT THIS.
13 IT'S GOING TO IMPACT OUR HEALTH AND THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN
14 AND ALL OF THE RESIDENTS ON OUR ROAD. YES, THERE ARE ONLY 22
15 RESIDENTS THERE, 22 HOMES, ACTUALLY. BUT WE WILL BE GREATLY
16 IMPACTED. WE WILL NO LONGER HAVE AN ACCESS ROAD IF THIS
17 PROJECT GOES ON. AND WE PLEASE URGE YOU TO SUPPORT HIS MOTION
18 FOR LEGAL ACTION. I'M SORRY I DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING PREPARED.
19 BUT THIS IS VERY, VERY IMPORTANT TO OUR CHILDREN AND OUR
20 RESIDENTS. PLEASE SUPPORT THE MOTION. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MISS HOMAN? FOLLOWED BY MR. RON
23 HOWELL? IS MISS HUMAN THERE? IF NOT, MR. HOWELL?

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1 **RON HOWELL:** MY NAME IS RON HOWELL, RESIDENT OF BOUQUET CANYON,
2 WHERE SEGMENT 1 HAS RECENTLY BEEN COMPLETED AT THE ANTELOPE-
3 PARDEE PROJECT. I'M TOLD IT'S IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO UNDERSTAND
4 SOME OF THE MISREPRESENTATIONS AND POTENTIAL HIDDEN AGENDAS
5 HELD BY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON AND THE FOREST SERVICE AND
6 POSSIBLY EVEN IMPLICATING THE C.P.U.C., WHICH IS WHY I AM
7 URGING YOU TO MOVE FORWARD WITH YOUR INVESTIGATION PRIOR TO
8 GETTING IN TOO DEEPLY AND HAVING THE SAME KINDS OF ISSUES AND
9 PROBLEMS WITH SEGMENTS 4 THROUGH 11. WE ARE NOW LEFT AT THE
10 COMPLETION OF THIS PROJECT WITH A FIRE HAZARD THAT COULD PUT
11 THE STATION FIRES TO SHAME IN TERMS OF THREAT TO LIFE AND
12 PROPERTY, BOTH TO FIREFIGHTERS IN THE AIR, ON THE GROUND, AND
13 TO RESIDENTS IN BOUQUET CANYON WHO ARE SUBJECT TO FIRES THAT
14 ARE NOT FIGHTABLE AND FOR WHICH THERE IS NO MITIGATION NOW
15 BECAUSE OF THIS POWER LINE THAT'S BEEN ESTABLISHED DOWN IN THE
16 CANYON, AGAINST THE E.I.R.-E.I.S. REPORT WHICH WARNED THAT
17 SUCH PLACEMENT OF THIS LINE WOULD LEAD TO STRUCTURE
18 DESTRUCTION, HOMES, IT'S INEVITABLE. IT'S NOT A MATTER OF IF
19 THERE'S A FIRE IN THAT CANYON. IT'S WHEN THE NEXT ONE WILL BE.
20 THERE WERE TWO THIS SUMMER, ONE WAS STARTED BY EDISON'S
21 CONSTRUCTION.

22
23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CAN YOU CONCLUDE?



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1 **RON HOWELL:** SO I URGE YOU TO APPROVE SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S
2 MOTION BECAUSE AS THE OTHER SUPERVISOR SAID, THIS FISH STINKS
3 FROM THE HEAD DOWN.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. ALICE BENOIT? ALICE?

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7 **ALICE BENOIT:** HI. I'M ALICE BENOIT, I'M A RESIDENT OF LEONA
8 VALLEY AND I'M ON THE COMMITTEE OF RESPONSIBLE ENERGY
9 DEVELOPMENT, WHICH REPRESENTS NINE COMMUNITIES IN THE NORTH
10 LOS ANGELES COUNTY AREA. I'M IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION TO
11 OBTAIN LEGAL ACTION AGAINST SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON WITH
12 RESPECT TO ALL OF THE SEGMENTS OF THE RENEWABLE TRANSMISSION
13 PROJECT IN TEHACHAPI TO NORTHERN L.A. COUNTY. SPECIFICALLY
14 BECAUSE OF LEGAL SEGMENTATION OF THE PROJECT, THE COUNTY WAS
15 UNABLE TO LOOK AT THE PROJECT AS A WHOLE BECAUSE OF THE
16 ILLEGAL SEGMENTATION ISSUE. THERE HAS BEEN ISSUES PERTAINING
17 TO FRAUD. ULTRA-HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS, INCLUDING THE BLOCKING
18 OF BOUQUET CANYON RESERVOIR BY AIRCRAFT. AND EDISON OFFICIALS,
19 WHEN I ATTENDED THE C.P.U.C. HEARING IN MARCH OF 2007 AGREED
20 TO REROUTE THE LINES AND NEVER DID. AND SO THEY HAVE NOW
21 ADMITTED THAT THAT'S A PROBLEM. BUT THE LINE'S ALREADY THERE
22 NOW. THIS HAS CREATED ISSUES OF FIRE STORMS THAT COULD HIT THE
23 ENTIRE NORTH COUNTY AREA AND EXPENSES THAT WILL BE DIRECT TO
24 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THEY ALSO FAILED TO OBTAIN THE
25 REQUISITE PERMITS THROUGH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WHICH WERE



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1 ORDERED BY AN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE, WHICH RESULTED IN THE
2 RED TAGGING OF ONE PROPERTY IN LEONA VALLEY RIGHT NOW.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COULD YOU WRAP IT UP? ALICE BENOIT: THERE
5 WERE ISSUES PERTAINING TO OPPRESSION, ABUSE OF POWER, FRAUD,
6 ISSUES OF OMISSION. THERE'S PROBLEMS WITH STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY
7 OF SOME OF THE TOWERS, SOME EMPLOYEES --

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, ALICE. OKAY, JUNE REITANO. SHE'LL
10 BE FOLLOWED BY TRACY SMOTHERMAN?

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12 **JUNE REITANO:** I'M JUNE REITANO OF LEONA VALLEY. EDISON HAS
13 TAKEN BY EMINENT DOMAIN A 180-FOOT EASEMENT COVERING 1-1/2
14 MILES EQUALLYING 26 PLUS ACRES DIAGONALLY THROUGH OUR 400-ACRE
15 RANCH. THE RANCH IS NOW SPLIT IN HALF. EDISON QUOTED THAT
16 THERE IS NO LAND DEVALUATION BY DOING THIS. NOW, EDISON HAD A
17 MANDATE THAT THEY COULD HAVE FOLLOWED, MOVING IT TO OUR
18 PROPERTY LINE, WHICH WOULD HAVE ELIMINATED A LOT OF STRESS ON
19 OUR FAMILY, WHICH WE HAVE OWNED THE PROPERTY FOR SOME 70 PLUS
20 YEARS. WE HAVE GONE THROUGH A LOT OF INTIMIDATIONS BY EDISON.
21 AND EDISON PRESENTED A REDACTED MAP AT THE VERY BEGINNING OF
22 OUR RANCH TO P.U.C., ELIMINATING ALL OF THE FACT THAT THIS WAS
23 AN OCCUPIED, RUNNING RANCH, THAT THERE WAS A HOME THERE AND
24 SAID THAT IT WAS JUST VACANT LAND. THEY KEPT SAYING THAT IT
25 WAS FASTER AND CHEAPER TO GO THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF THE



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1 PROPERTY THAN TO GO TO THE PROPERTY LINE AND SEEK PERMISSION
2 FROM OTHER OWNERS. THE REFUSAL TO PROVIDE COPIES OF THE
3 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTS, WE HAD NO IDEA WHAT THEY FOUND ON THE
4 PROPERTY OR WHAT ANYTHING WAS DONE. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. TRACY SMOTHERMAN, PLEASE?

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8 **TRACY SMOTHERMAN:** I, TOO, AM WITH THE REITANO FAMILY RANCH. MY
9 MOTHER JUST SPOKE. EDISON HAD ACCEPTED ALL OF THE C.E.Q.A.
10 REQUIREMENTS THAT SAY THE FOLLOWING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS CAN
11 BE MITIGATED BELOW A LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE BASED UPON THE
12 IMPLEMENTATION OF MITIGATION MEASURES. MITIGATION MEASURES L-6
13 GREATLY IMPACTED OUR RANCH. S.C.E. IGNORED THE MANDATE WHICH
14 READS: S.C.E. SHALL ALIGN TOWERS ADJACENT TO FIELD BOUNDARIES
15 AND PARALLEL TO ROWS IF LOCATED IN ROW CROPS AND SHALL AVOID
16 DIAGONAL ORIENTATIONS AND ANGULAR ALIGNMENT WITH AGRICULTURAL
17 LAND. WHEN THEY IGNORED THIS MANDATE, WE PETITIONED P.U.C.
18 UNDER 16.4 AND ASKED FOR A MODIFICATION OF THIS LINE, THAT
19 THEY BE HELD TO FOLLOWING MANDATE 6. THEY REFUSED. P.U.C.
20 WROTE BACK AND SAID THAT EDISON DID NOT NEED TO, THAT THEY
21 WERE ALLOWED TO ALIGN THE TOWERS THAT BEST SUITED THEM. WHAT
22 WE SEE NOW IN SEGMENT 3 THAT S.C.E. PETITIONED P.U.C. FOR A
23 MODIFICATION TO MAKE SEVERAL ROUTE MODIFICATIONS, ONE A
24 DISTANCE OF 1-1/2 MILES. NO SURVEY HAS BEEN DONE. WE STILL TO



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1 THIS DAY HAVE NO IDEA WHERE THEIR EASEMENT IS IN RELATION TO
2 OUR PROPERTY.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IF YOU WANT TO PLEASE SUMMARIZE, PLEASE?

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6 **TRACY SMOTHERMAN:** THANK YOU.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. ROGER REITANO,
9 PLEASE? FOLLOWED BY LLOYD COOK.

10

11 **ROGER REITANO:** THANK YOU. I'M ROGER REITANO. AND I CAN TELL
12 YOU THAT EDISON HAS AGGRESSIVELY BEAT OUR FAMILY TO DEATH
13 FINANCIALLY AND MENTALLY. THEY'VE BURIED -- THE CONTRACTOR
14 BURIED BRUSH ON OUR LAND AND IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE REMOVED.
15 LATER, WE CONTACTED THE COUNTY AND A GENTLEMAN NAMED MITCH
16 MILLER, WHO IS A SENIOR ENGINEER OF L.A. BUILDING AND SAFETY,
17 CAME ON AND RED TAGGED OUR PROPERTY. AND THEY HAD TO REMOVE
18 ALL THE BRUSH AFTER THEY BURIED IT. THEY HAVE CONSTANTLY DONE
19 WORK WITHOUT -- THERE WERE NO PERMITS DRAWN FROM THE COUNTY.
20 THERE WERE NO PLANS. THERE WAS NOTHING DONE TO EASE OUR
21 TENSION ABOUT THE PROPERTY. SO WE HAVE SPENT FIVE DAYS FIVE
22 TIMES IN SUPERIOR COURT, AND WE JUST FINISHED FOUR DAYS IN
23 SUPERIOR COURT WHERE THE ROADS WERE A BIG ISSUE WITH EDISON.
24 AND I CAN TELL YOU THERE'S A NEW THING GOING ON. AFTER THE
25 COURT SESSION WAS OVER AND BOTH ATTORNEYS GAVE THEIR CLOSING



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1 ARGUMENTS, THE JUDGE DECIDED THAT THE WAY HE WAS GOING TO
2 DECIDE THIS WAS BOTH ATTORNEYS WERE GOING TO WRITE A TERM
3 PAPER AND EXPLAIN WHY THEY THINK THEIR SIDE SHOULD WIN. THE
4 JUDGE IS THEN GOING TO SIGN THE ONE HE LIKES TO READ THE MOST,
5 AND THAT'S HOW WE'RE GOING TO DECIDE THIS CASE. SO I THINK WE
6 OUGHT TO DO AWAY WITH THE COURT SYSTEM AND JUST HAVE ATTORNEYS
7 WRITE TERM PAPERS SO THAT WE CAN CUT TO THE CHASE. THANK YOU.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. MR. COOK? FOLLOWED BY
10 KATHERINE TUCKER.

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12 **LLOYD COOK:** MY NAME'S LLOYD COOK, I'M A RESIDENT OF LEONA
13 VALLEY. AND I FIRST OF ALL WANT TO THANK MIKE ANTONOVICH FOR
14 BRINGING THIS AGENDA ITEM. WE DEFINITELY NEED OVERSIGHT ON
15 WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE EDISON AND D.W.P. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT
16 EDISON AND D.W.P. ARE BOTH TOO BIG TO CARE, TOO BIG TO FOLLOW
17 THE RULES AND TOO BIG TO DO THE RIGHT THING. YOU GUYS ALREADY
18 HAVE ALL KINDS OF INFORMATION. I'M TALKING TO THE SUPERVISORS.
19 ALL KINDS OF INFORMATION ON WHAT IS WRONG, WHAT WENT WRONG,
20 BREAKING DOWN THE PROJECT INTO LITTLE PIECES SO THAT NOBODY
21 COULD SEE ALL THE RAMIFICATIONS OF IT, THE FIRE HAZARD AND SO
22 ON AND SO FORTH. SO I URGE YOU TO PLEASE PASS THIS ITEM. KEEP
23 CONTROL OF MAJOR PROJECTS UNDER THE PURVIEW OF THE L.A. COUNTY
24 WHERE IT BELONGS. SO PLEASE PASS THIS ITEM. IT'S EXTREMELY
25 IMPORTANT FOR ALL OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. MISS TUCKER FOLLOWED BY
3 JANNA DUNCAN.

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5 **KATHERINE TUCKER:** HELLO, I'M KATHERINE TUCKER, AND I'M
6 REPRESENTING THE ACTON TOWN COUNCIL. THE ACTON TOWN COUNCIL
7 HAS SPENT OVER 1,000 HOURS IN PARTICIPATING AS A PARTY IN
8 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON'S APPLICATION FOR THEIR TEHACHAPI
9 RENEWABLE TRANSMISSION PROJECT FROM THE P.U.C. SEGMENTS 4
10 THROUGH 11 WILL AFFECT THE AREA OF ACTON, OUR EAST SIDE OF
11 ACTON. ALL OF THE CONCERNS THAT WERE RAISED BY ACTON WERE
12 BASICALLY IGNORED BY THE P.U.C. AT THE HEARING ON THE 20TH OF
13 NOVEMBER UP IN SAN FRANCISCO. THE ACTON TOWN COUNCIL ASKED
14 THAT THE PEOPLE LIVING IN THE VICINITY OF THE VINCENT
15 SUBSTATION HAVE A SAFE AND REASONABLE RESIDENTIAL ACCESS
16 OPPORTUNITY, ALSO THAT A FEW SIMPLE CONDITIONS BE IMPOSED ON
17 THE PROJECT TO INSURE IT COMPLIES WITH BASIC COUNTY
18 DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, AND THAT INFRASTRUCTURE WHICH SERVES NO
19 IDENTIFIABLE PURPOSE IN THE PROCEEDING BE EXCLUDED. ALL THESE
20 REQUESTS WERE IGNORED BY THE P.U.C. I FULLY SUPPORT, THE ACTON
21 TOWN COUNCIL FULLY SUPPORTS THE MOTION THAT SUPERVISOR
22 ANTONOVICH IS RAISING. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MISS DUNCAN, FOLLOWED BY
25 WILLIAM TYLER.



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JANNA DUNCAN: HI, MY NAME IS JANNA DUNCAN AND I AM ALSO A
RESIDENT OF ACTON AND VINCENT HILL. I AM COMPLETELY -- I AND
MANY, MANY OTHERS WHO COULDN'T BE HERE TODAY ARE IN COMPLETE
SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S MOTION AGAINST -- LEGAL
ACTION AGAINST SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON. I'M REALLY AFRAID
AND MANY OF US ARE SCARED THE WAY WE'RE BEING TREATED BY
EDISON, THE WAY LEONA VALLEY AND GREEN VALLEY AND THOSE AREAS
HAVE ALREADY BEEN TREATED. AND I HAVE FOUND ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT STUDY PEOPLE ON MY PROPERTY FISHING AROUND. AND THEY
ARE TELLING ME PERSONALLY THAT THEY'RE DOING STUDIES FOR
EDISON SAYING THAT THEY WANT TO ACTUALLY ADD MORE LINES THAT
THEY HAVEN'T TOLD US ABOUT, AND THAT'S WHY THEY'RE SNOOPING
AROUND THE PROPERTIES AND OTHER PEOPLE'S PROPERTIES. AND
THEY'VE CUT MY GATES. THEY'VE GONE IN WITHOUT PERMISSION
PLACES THEY SHOULDN'T. I HAVE SHEEP, CATTLE AND HORSES. AND
THEY WANT TO CUT THAT UP, ACCORDING TO THIS PERSON WHO SPOKE
TO ME. OF COURSE, EDISON DENIES ALL THIS. SO THIS IS LIKE ONE
BLADE OF GRASS IN A WHOLE FIELD THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED AND
WE CANNOT DO IT IN ONE MINUTE. WE NEED MORE TIME. WE NEED
SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S HELP AND WE'RE VERY GRATEFUL FOR HIS
SUPPORT AND ENDEAVORS. AND WE WILL STAND BEHIND HIM AND KEEP
GOING ON THIS. WE WILL NOT STOP. THANK YOU.

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SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: MR. TYLER? FOLLOWED BY KAREN BRYAN.



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2 **LARRY TYLER:** MY NAME IS LARRY TYLER, LEONA VALLEY TOWN
3 COUNCIL. I AM HERE TO VERIFY THAT THE LEONA VALLEY TOWN
4 COUNCIL IS 100 PERCENT BEHIND THE MOTION BEFORE THE BOARD TO
5 REVIEW THE EXISTING AND FUTURE SEGMENTS TO OUR COMMUNITY AND
6 OTHER COMMUNITIES. SECONDLY, WE'VE HAD NUMEROUS MEETINGS. AND
7 I CAN VERIFY THAT THE TOTAL COMMUNITY IS ALSO BEHIND AN
8 ACTION. AND LASTLY, I BELIEVE THAT THE RESIDENTS OF THE
9 ANTELOPE VALLEY ARE BEING SNUBBED WHENEVER WE'RE ONLY ALLOWED
10 ONE MINUTE PER PERSON TO PRESENT A LOT OF INFORMATION, WHICH A
11 LOT OF PEOPLE HERE HAVE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MISS BRYAN, FOLLOWED BY DAHLIA
14 GROSSMAN.

15

16 **KAREN BRYAN:** HELLO MY NAME IS KAREN BRYAN FROM LEONA VALLEY. I
17 WAS A PARTICIPANT IN THE ORIGINAL LITIGATION WITH S.C.E. I AM
18 WELL AWARE OF THE ABUSES THAT HAVE GONE ON. THESE SAME ABUSES
19 ARE BEING PERPETRATED THROUGH ALL THE OTHER COMMUNITIES. CHINO
20 HILLS'S LAWSUIT JUST GOT THROWN OUT. THE COUNTY REALLY DOES
21 NEED TO TAKE LEGAL ACTION. I'M IN FULL SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR
22 ANTONOVICH'S MOTION ON THIS, AS WELL AS THE OTHERS. THERE IS A
23 DEFINITE PATTERN OF BEHAVIOR. THIS PATTERN OF BEHAVIOR NEEDS
24 TO BE INVESTIGATED AND TAKEN CARE OF. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MISS GROSSMAN FOLLOWED BY SUSAN ZAHNTER.

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3 **DAHLIA GROSSMAN:** I'M DAHLIA GROSSMAN FROM LAKE HUGHES. AND I'M
4 ALSO A MEMBER OF RESPONSIBLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. I'D
5 LIKE TO SAY THAT WHILE THE HIGH WINDS ARE VERY NECESSARY FOR
6 WINDMILLS, THE DOWN SIDE OF THOSE WINDS IS THAT THEY CAUSED
7 TWO 550-KV TRANSMISSION TOWERS TO CRUMBLE RIGHT TO THE GROUND
8 DURING A STORM IN DECEMBER 2002. AND DURING THAT STORM, THE
9 WINDS WERE REPORTED TO BE AS HIGH AS 84 MILES PER HOUR. I HAVE
10 A PICTURE OF THAT. AND I BELIEVE SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAS A
11 PICTURE OF THIS WHERE THE TOWERS FELL OVER. AND THAT SITE IS
12 ABOUT 5 MILES FROM LEONA VALLEY. AND IT'S RIGHT WHERE EDISON
13 IS CURRENTLY BUILDING MORE TOWERS AND LINES, JUST A FEW MILES
14 AWAY. IN ADDITION TO THE HIGH WINDS IN LEONA VALLEY, ELIZABETH
15 LAKE AREA, SEVERAL OTHER NATURALLY-OCCURRING HAZARDS EXIST,
16 INCLUDING SAN ANDREAS EARTHQUAKE FAULT AND EXTREME FIRE
17 DANGER. SINCE 2002, THIS COMMUNITY HAS EXPERIENCED FOUR MAJOR
18 FIRES, EACH OF WHICH BURNED BETWEEN 20,000 AND 25,000 ACRES.
19 SEVERAL SMALLER FIRES HAVE ALSO OCCURRED, INCLUDING SOME THAT
20 WERE STARTED BY DOWNED POWER LINES. OUR COMMUNITIES FEEL THAT
21 EDISON HAS NOT PROPERLY CONSIDERED THE HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS
22 THAT EXIST IN THIS AREA AND WHICH MAKE IT UNSAFE AND UNWISE TO
23 ERECT MORE TRANSMISSION TOWERS HERE. I URGE THE BOARD OF
24 SUPERVISORS TO PROCEED WITH THIS LAWSUIT AGAINST SOUTHERN
25 CALIFORNIA EDISON. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MISS ZAHNTER?

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4 **SUSAN ZAHNTER:** MY NAME IS SUSAN ZAHNTER. I AM A MEMBER OF
5 RESPONSIBLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS AN ELECTED MEMBER OF
6 THE THREE POINTS-LIEBRE MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL. I AM HERE IN
7 SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S MOTION TO INITIATE
8 LITIGATION WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON. I THINK THE MOST
9 TELLING EVIDENCE THAT THERE HAS BEEN INADEQUATE ADDRESSING OF
10 ISSUES REGARDING MITIGATION TO RESIDENTS IN THE COMMUNITIES
11 AFFECTED IS THE FACT THAT EDISON HAS RECENTLY REQUESTED FROM
12 THE C.P.U.C. AUTHORITY TO LOCATE UNDERGROUND LINES WHEN AND
13 WHERE THEY WANT. ALSO, THEY HAVE REQUESTED RATE PAIR INCREASE
14 TO FINANCE LIABILITY FOR WILDLAND FIRES. THE FACT THAT THESE
15 LINES ARE GOING IN HIGH FIRE DANGER AREAS PUTS THE COUNTY AT
16 LIABILITY RISK AS WELL AS THE HUGE COST OF FIGHTING FIRES IN
17 THE AREA. EVERYONE WILL BE AFFECTED BY THOSE COSTS. I THINK
18 THE COST OF INITIATING LITIGATION IS MINUSCULE COMPARED TO THE
19 COST OF --

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21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DO YOU PLEASE WANT TO SUMMARIZE YOUR
22 COMMENTS, PLEASE?

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24 **SUSAN ZAHNTER:** I'M FINISHED, THANK YOU. PLEASE SUPPORT
25 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S MOTION.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. SHIRK, FOLLOWED BY ROBERTA
3 SHIRK. ROBERTA SHIRK? ALL RIGHT. STACIE BATES?

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5 **ROBERTA SHIRK:** HELLO, MY NAME IS ROBERTA SHIRK, AND I HAVE TWO
6 FAMILIES LIVING ON THE STREET. 600 FEET THE HOUSES BEGIN FROM
7 THE SUBSTATION. I AM SUPPORTING THIS MOTION FROM MICHAEL
8 ANTONOVICH. AND I HAVE HAD NO PREPARATION -- I HAVE NO
9 PREPARATION TO SPEAK, SO I'M SPEAKING FROM MY HEART. I HAVE
10 SIX GRANDCHILDREN LIVING ON THIS STREET. THERE'S 22 HOMES. MY
11 HUSBAND AND I SEVERAL YEARS BACK SAT ON OUR LAND AND WATCHED
12 ONE OF THE TRANSMISSION LINES BLOW UP DOWN THE STREET. FIRE
13 TRUCKS WERE COMING FROM ALL OVER. THIS FIRE LASTED FOR SEVERAL
14 HOURS. ALSO, ALL OF THE ELECTRICAL, THEY LAID IT FROM BELOW.
15 PEOPLE DID NOT HAVE ELECTRICITY. BUT HERE WAS MY CONCERN. THEY
16 ARE CLOSING THE STREETS AT THE END WHERE THE SUBSTATION IS.
17 AND THEY ARE MORE THAN DOUBLING THE SIZE OF ALL THE
18 TRANSMISSION LINES. THEY ARE GIVING US ONE STEEP HILL ROAD TO
19 GET OUT AND IN TO OUR PROPERTY. THEY ARE CHANGING -- I DON'T
20 HAVE MY NOTES IN FRONT OF ME, 220 KILOWATTS AND DOUBLING THE
21 SIZE TO 550 KILOWATTS. FOR WHAT WE WERE TOLD AT THE FIRST
22 PUBLIC MEETING THEY WERE GOING TO DO THIS TO THREE, DOWN THE
23 MIDDLE WHERE THEY HAVE ALREADY GONE.

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25 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR REMARKS.



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2 **ROBERTA SHIRK:** THANK YOU. PLEASE SUPPORT THIS MOTION.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. MISS BATES FOLLOWED BY
5 JUDY RANKIN.

6

7 **STACIE BATES:** I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD. I AM A RESIDENT OF
8 ACTON AND I LIVE NEAR THE POWER PLANTS. AND I WOULD LIKE TO
9 SUPPORT THE MOTION TO TAKE LEGAL ACTION AGAINST EDISON. I'M
10 VERY CONCERNED RIGHT NOW THAT THEY SAID THEY WERE GOING TO
11 CLOSE THE ROCKYFORD AND ANGELES FOREST HIGHWAY ROAD ACCESS
12 INTO OUR STREET. AS A RESIDENT, I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THAT
13 BECAUSE THAT'S USUALLY WHERE THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS ENTER OUR
14 STREET WHEN THERE'S EMERGENCIES ON OUR STREET. I'VE ALSO BEEN
15 VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE FIRES THAT WE HAVE HAD REPEATEDLY
16 SINCE I HAVE LIVED THERE FOR EIGHT YEARS AROUND OUR STREET.
17 AND EVERY TIME THEY'RE -- I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE PLANT
18 EXPLODING WHEN AND IF A FIRE COMES TO IT. I THINK WE'RE IN A
19 FIRE ZONE 5 AREA. AND IT'S A VERY DANGEROUS AREA FOR FIRES. SO
20 IT'S PROBABLY NOT A SMART AREA FOR THEM TO EVEN PUT TOWERS.
21 I'M ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE HEALTH ISSUES THAT ALL OF THIS
22 MIGHT CAUSE MY CHILDREN AND MYSELF AND THE RESIDENTS ON OUR
23 STREET. SO I'D JUST LIKE TO THANK, ONCE AGAIN THE BOARD AND
24 MR. ANTONOVICH FOR SUPPORTING US.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DO YOU WANT TO SUMMARIZE, PLEASE?

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3 **STACIE BATES:** THANK YOU.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. JUDY RANKIN?

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7 **JUDY RANKIN:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS AND THANK YOU
8 FOR HAVING US IN YOUR MEETING. I JUST WANT TO SAY I ALSO AM
9 CONCERNED ABOUT THE FIRE HAZARD BECAUSE I FEEL THAT -- I LIVE
10 VERY CLOSE TO THE BOUQUET CANYON RESERVOIR, IN FACT, I CAN SEE
11 IT FROM MY HOUSE. AND IT'S REALLY PUTTING -- THE WIRES RUN
12 RIGHT ACROSS THE FLIGHT PATH FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT
13 AIRPLANES. IT'S PUTTING THE PILOTS AT GREAT RISK. AND IT ALSO
14 ISN'T GOING TO HELP FIGHTING FIRES. AND QUITE FRANKLY, I'M
15 REALLY DISAPPOINTED IN THE FOREST SERVICE. MAYBE A BETTER WORD
16 FOR DISAPPOINTED IS APPALLED THAT THEY WOULD ALLOW EDISON,
17 GIVE THEM THE PERMIT TO PUT THESE LINES WHERE THEY HAVE. I
18 MEAN, THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE OUR PROTECTORS OF OUR NATIONAL
19 FOREST, AND NOW I AM WORRIED THEY AREN'T TAKING THAT
20 SERIOUSLY. THANK YOU. AND MERRY CHRISTMAS.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT CONCLUDES ALL OF THE CARDS
23 THAT I HAVE FROM THE REMOTE LOCATION. DOES THAT INCLUDE
24 EVERYONE THAT IS OUT THERE?

25



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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** I BELIEVE THERE WAS ONE MORE FROM
2 LANCASTER, JAMES IREY.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. COME TO THE PODIUM, PLEASE. IS
5 HE THERE? OKAY. VERY GOOD. THANK YOU. JAMES IREY: YES, I'M
6 HERE. MY NAME IS JIM IREY. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.
7 I LIVE RIGHT NEXT DOOR TO THE VINCENT HILL POWER STATION. THEY
8 WANT TO COME OUT THE BACK OF THE STATION WITH THE NEW LINES,
9 THAT WILL MEAN SIX NEW 500-PLUS KV LINES GOING ON MY PROPERTY
10 IN THE BACK OF THE HILL. NOW, THEY'RE MAKING A LOT OF MONEY
11 OFF OF THIS, BUT I'M PAYING THE LAND TAX UNDER IT. NOW, THIS
12 IS JUST ANOTHER POINT THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED. THEY'RE
13 PAYING LAND TAX TO FOREST SERVICE, NOT LAND TAX, BUT THEY'RE
14 PAYING RENT TO CROSS THEIR LANDS BUT THEY'RE NOT DOING IT TO
15 ANYBODY ELSE. NOW, WE HAVE GRAVE CONCERNS REGARDING FIRE
16 SAFETY. JUST THE TRESPASSING ON THE LAND. I HAVE POSTED THE
17 LAND. I DON'T WANT THEM ON THERE. THEY DON'T CARE. THEY JUST
18 CUT THE FENCES. THEY CUT THE CHAINS AND JUST GO ON, ANYWAY.
19 NOW, WHAT IS THIS? WHEN DOES A MAN'S HOME BECOME HIS HOME?
20 THAT'S ABOUT ALL I HAVE. AND I WANT TO SUPPORT THE SUPERVISOR
21 FOR THIS LAWSUIT TO STOP THIS. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. THAT CONCLUDES ALL OF
24 THE FOLKS FROM THE REMOTE LOCATION. I NOW AM GOING TO CALL
25 PEOPLE WHO ARE HERE IN OUR AUDIENCE. FIRST WE HAVE CHARLES



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1 ADAMSON. IF YOU'D JOIN US, PLEASE. FOLLOWED BY LES STARCK,
2 JAMES IREY AND ARNOLD SACHS. IF THEY WOULD ALL PLEASE JOIN US.
3 I THINK WE HAVE FOUR CHAIRS THERE. PLEASE PROCEED.

4

5 **LES STARCK:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD CHAIR MOLINA AND MEMBERS OF
6 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS LES STARCK, I'M VICE
7 PRESIDENT WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON AND I AM RESPONSIBLE
8 FOR LOCAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND TRANSMISSION PROJECT LICENSING
9 FOR THE COMPANY. JOINING ME THIS MORNING IS CHUCK ADAMSON, OUR
10 PROJECT MANAGER FOR THE TEHACHAPI PROJECT. THE TEHACHAPI
11 PROJECT IS A CRITICAL PART OF THE TRANSMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE
12 NECESSARY FOR CALIFORNIA TO MEET ITS AMBITIOUS GOALS OF
13 ACHIEVING 33 PERCENT RENEWABLES BY THE YEAR 2020. NOT ONLY
14 WILL THE TEHACHAPI PROJECT SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE THE SUPPLY
15 OF CLEAN, RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR OUR CUSTOMERS, IT WILL PROVIDE
16 MUCH NEEDED JOBS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND IMPROVE THE
17 RELIABILITY OF CALIFORNIA'S POWER GRID. THE TEHACHAPI PROJECT
18 WAS THOROUGHLY EVALUATED BY THE C.P.U.C., THE LEAD AGENCY FOR
19 THE PROJECT UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT. IN
20 CARRYING OUT ITS RESPONSIBILITIES, THIS C.P.U.C. PREPARED A
21 DETAILED, MULTI-VOLUME ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT. THIS
22 E.I.R. EVALUATED MANY ENVIRONMENTAL AND TECHNICAL ISSUES,
23 INCLUDING A NUMBER OF PROJECT ALTERNATIVE ROUTES AND OPTIONS.
24 EDISON BELIEVES THAT THE POTENTIAL LEGAL ACTION BY THE COUNTY
25 AGAINST THE PROJECT IS UNFORTUNATE AND UNNECESSARY. BECAUSE OF



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1 THIS, I AM NOT IN A POSITION, NOR IS THIS AN APPROPRIATE
2 VENUE, TO DISCUSS THE SPECIFIC ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED.
3 WE BELIEVE THAT THE MOST APPROPRIATE VENUE TO DISCUSS THESE
4 ISSUES IS A MEETING BETWEEN EDISON OFFICIALS AND THE COUNTY'S
5 C.E.O., COUNTY COUNSEL, AND KEY STAFF. HOWEVER, LET ME
6 EMPHASIZE THAT AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH CONSTRUCTION OF THE
7 PROJECT, EDISON REMAINS COMMITTED TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE
8 COMMUNITIES IN THE PROJECT AREA TO ADDRESS ITEMS OF INTEREST
9 AND CONCERN. FOR EXAMPLE, WE WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH THE ACTON
10 TOWN COUNCIL AND COUNTY OFFICIALS TO ADDRESS ISSUES OF CONCERN
11 THAT WE ARE IN A POSITION TO ADDRESS. IN CLOSING, WE REMAIN
12 COMMITTED TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE COUNTY ON THIS IMPORTANT
13 PROJECT AND ENHANCING THE OVERALL PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN EDISON
14 AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY ON OTHER IMPORTANT PROGRAMS AND
15 ACTIVITIES.

16
17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. MR. SACHS?

18
19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS.
20 TAKING ACTION AGAINST SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON, A NOVEL
21 IDEA. YOU EXPECT THE P.U.C. TO BITE ONE OF THE HANDS THAT
22 FEEDS IT? THE TIME TO ACTUALLY ADDRESS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
23 EDISON WAS 12 YEARS AGO WHEN THEY INCORPORATED INTO EDISON
24 INTERNATIONAL AND THEN SPUN OFF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON AS
25 A SUBSIDIARY. IF YOU DIDN'T TAKE ACTION THEN, ANY OF THIS



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1 OTHER ACTION THAT YOU WANT TO TAKE IN ANY OTHER PROGRAMS OR
2 PROJECTS THAT THEY'RE GOING TO DO IS JUST WINDOW DRESSING.
3 LITIGATE, LITIGATE, LITIGATE, THE PRICE GOES UP, THE PROJECT
4 MARCHES ON. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. ALL RIGHT. THAT ITEM HAS
7 NOW BEEN REFERRED TO CLOSED SESSION. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR
8 YOUR TESTIMONY. AND WE WILL CONTINUE THAT ITEM TO CLOSED
9 SESSION. MR. ANTONOVICH, YOUR NEXT ITEM?

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ITEM NUMBER 30-A.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** 30-A, PLEASE. MR. SACHS?

14

15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU AGAIN, GOOD MORNING. I APPRECIATE
16 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ASKING FOR THIS RETESTING, BUT, COME ON.
17 RETESTING OF WATER? I MEAN, YOU WOULD HOPE THAT THIS IS BASED
18 ON THE ARTICLE THAT CAME OUT LIKE A WEEK AGO REGARDING THE
19 QUALITY OF WATER IN L.A., THE CITY OF L.A., YOU WOULD HOPE
20 THAT SOME LIGHTS WOULD HAVE GONE OFF EVEN BEFORE THE ARTICLE
21 CAME OUT. WHAT WAS THE BASIS FOR THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE COMING
22 UP WITH A DECLARATION THAT THE WATER IN THE CITY OF L.A. WAS
23 SO BAD? WHAT DID THEY BASE IT ON? WHAT KIND OF TESTS WERE RUN
24 TO COME TO THOSE CONCLUSIONS? LET'S FIND OUT WHERE THEY GOT
25 THAT INFORMATION FROM. AND IF IT'S SOMETHING TO STAND ON, THEN



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1 WHY WASN'T THE COUNTY ON THE BALL BEFORE THOSE REVELATIONS
2 CAME TO LIGHT? AGAIN, I APPRECIATE THE TESTING, BUT THIS IS
3 LIKE CHASING A HORSE AFTER IT RAN DOWN A HILL. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MOVE THE ITEM.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED
8 BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ITEM NO. S-1?

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DR. CLAVREUL? MR. SACHS? DID YOU WANT TO
13 HEAR A BRIEF REPORT? IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE WAITING FOR, DR.
14 CLAVREUL? HELLO? I'M SORRY? ALL RIGHT. COULD WE HAVE A BRIEF
15 REPORT?

16

17 **CAROL MEYER:** GOOD MORNING AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS. CAROL MEYER,
18 CHIEF NETWORK OFFICER. THIS IS OUR 26TH REPORT ON THE
19 TRANSITION OF THE NEW L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER FROM THE
20 OLD TO THE NEW FACILITY. ESSENTIALLY THE CENSUS HAS BEEN
21 STABLE, ACTUALLY A VERY HIGH CENSUS. AND WHAT WE HAVE DONE
22 HERE WITH THIS REPORT IS SORT OF LOOKED BACK OVER A SIX TO
23 EIGHT-MONTH PERIOD AT THE METRICS FOR THE EMERGENCY
24 DEPARTMENT. AND WE HAVE SEEN SOME FAIRLY SIGNIFICANT
25 IMPROVEMENTS WITH A REDUCTION IN MEDIAN BOARDING TIME,



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1 REDUCTION IN E.D. WAITING TIME, REDUCTION IN LEFT-WITHOUT-
2 BEING-SEEN PATIENTS AS WELL AS REDUCTION IN DIVERSION. OF
3 PARTICULAR NOTICE BASED ON SOME OF THE ACTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN
4 MADE BY THE BOARD, WE HAVE SEEN A DECREASE IN THE CROWDING
5 LEVEL COMPARISONS, SPECIFICALLY THE DANGEROUS AND SEVERELY
6 OVERCROWDING HAVE BEEN REDUCED. AND MUCH OF THIS IS DONE BY
7 THE INCREASED WORKLOAD THAT THE HOSPITAL HAS DONE IN IMPROVING
8 PATIENT FLOW AS WELL AS THE NUMBER OF TRANSFERS THAT WE HAVE
9 INCREASED OUT TO THE CONTRACT FACILITY AND TO RANCHO LOS
10 AMIGOS. WE'VE ALSO ANSWERED ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS POSED BY THE
11 BOARD FROM PAST REPORTS.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DR. CLAVREUL? MR. SACHS?

14

15 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
16 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. WELL, I WAS PLEASED TO SEE A LOT OF
17 PROGRESS IN U.S.C. ADMISSIONS. SO IT'S KIND OF NICE TO HAVE
18 SORT OF A POSITIVE REPORT. I JUST WANT TO ALSO SPEAK TO
19 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAD REQUESTED A REPORT ON THE TEMP
20 AGENCY IN DIFFERENT HOSPITALS OF THE COUNTY. AND A COUPLE OF
21 YEARS AGO, I WROTE AN ARTICLE ON THAT SUBJECT. AND I THINK IF
22 YOU READ IT, YOU WILL FIND A LOT OF YOUR ANSWERS. AND PROBABLY
23 BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO PAY FOR IT, IT WILL HAVE NO
24 INTEREST TO YOU. BUT THE ONE WHO IS CALLED THE REGISTRY NURSE
25 MEMBER OF THE TEAM. AND THE OTHER ONE WAS DO NOT SEND, HAVING



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1 TO DO WITH -- AND I WANT TO EXPRESS MY CONCERNS THAT ITEM 33
2 WAS NOT ALLOWED TO BE HELD UNTIL I CAME HERE TO SPEAK TO IT.
3 BUT THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY. AND, YOU KNOW, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, I
4 CANNOT MOVE VERY FAST, SO I KNOW YOU ARE SOMETIMES IMPATIENT.
5 BUT I'M IN A LOT OF PAIN AND IT TAKES A LOT OF ENERGY FOR ME
6 TO WALK TO HERE. THANK YOU.

7

8 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU AGAIN. ARNOLD SACHS. THE REPORT
9 MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT THE WAITING TIME. HOW MANY HOSPITALS
10 ARE INVOLVED IN THE TRANSFER OF PATIENTS? JUST OUT OF
11 CURIOSITY. AND LAST YEAR WHEN YOU DID ONE OF THE ITEMS YOU
12 TALKED ABOUT DURING A BUDGET HEARING ON THE HOSPITALS WAS THE
13 COST PER PATIENT BED. AND I WAS JUST CURIOUS TO KNOW, BECAUSE
14 AT THE TIME, WELL IT WAS ACTUALLY MORE THAN ONE YEAR, THE
15 COSTS AT M.L.K. WERE ALMOST DOUBLE THE COSTS AT THE OTHER
16 COUNTY FACILITIES. WHAT'S THE COST OF A PATIENT AT THE NEW
17 U.S.C. FACILITY VERSUS THE OLD U.S.C. FACILITY? IS THAT
18 POSSIBLE TO GET ANY RESULTS ON THAT? THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH? THE
21 QUESTION I WOULD BE ASKING: YOU INDICATED THAT YOU'RE
22 INITIATING WORKLOAD AND STAFFING UPDATING FOR EACH FUNCTIONAL
23 AREA. HOW MANY AREAS ARE SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW?

24

25 **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, WE'RE STARTING WITH THREE.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THREE? AND YOU FURTHER INDICATE THAT THE
3 FIRST AREA TO BE REVIEWED WILL BE THE LABORATORY AND THAT WILL
4 TAKE APPROXIMATELY 90 DAYS. HOW LONG DO YOU THINK THAT PROJECT
5 WILL TAKE TO COMPLETE THE REVIEW FOR THE OTHER TWO AREAS?

6

7 **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** PROBABLY 90 EACH, SUPERVISOR.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 90 EACH. AND WE'LL GET A REPORT ON EACH OF
10 THE 90-DAY REVIEWS?

11

12 **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** YES, WE WILL, SUPERVISOR.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO DO YOU NEED TO EXPEDITE THIS EFFORT
15 CONSIDERING THE POTENTIAL SAVINGS THAT COULD BE ACHIEVED
16 THROUGH THESE NECESSARY REVIEWS?

17

18 **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, WE WILL DO IT AS QUICKLY AS WE
19 CAN. AND IF WE CAN DO IT MORE SIMULTANEOUSLY, WE WILL.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO IT WOULD BE UP TO, NOT 90 WE MAKE THE
22 REPORT.

23

24 **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** EXACTLY.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THOSE ARE MY QUESTIONS.

2

3 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE REPORT. I REALLY
4 HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED BY THE KIND OF PROGRESS THAT IS GOING ON.
5 UNFORTUNATELY, WE ARE DOING IT WITH A LOT OF TRANSFERS IN
6 ORDER TO CREATE SOME STABILIZATION AT L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. I'VE
7 BEEN IMPRESSED WITH WHAT THE EMPLOYEES ARE DOING, AS WELL.
8 HAVING GONE OUT THERE AND WATCHED HOW THEY'RE MOVING AND
9 TRYING TO RESPOND TO THE OVERCROWDING I THINK HAS BEEN -- THEY
10 THEMSELVES ARE TRYING TO CREATE MECHANISMS TO BE MORE
11 EFFICIENT AND MORE EFFECTIVE. AND SO I APPRECIATE -- I HOPE
12 YOU WILL CONVEY TO THEM THAT THEY ARE DOING A VERY EFFECTIVE
13 JOB. BUT I REALLY THINK THAT WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS
14 IS A VERY EXPENSIVE OPTION WHEN WE ARE TALKING ABOUT
15 TRANSFERRING, WE HAVE TRANSFERRED OVER 70 PATIENTS THAT ARE
16 GOING TO OTHER HOSPITALS THAT ARE COSTING US AN AWFUL LOT OF
17 MONEY. AND 98 PATIENTS THAT ARE AT RANCHO. SO WE'RE TALKING
18 ABOUT A HUGE OVERFLOW ON HERE ON AN ONGOING BASIS. BUT BECAUSE
19 OF THAT AVAILABILITY OF THOSE OTHER BEDS, IT HAS CREATED A
20 STABILITY FOR L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. AND I THINK THAT WE NEED TO
21 MAKE SURE THAT THAT ONGOING STABILITY IS THERE, ALTHOUGH I DO
22 THINK THAT THE C.A.O. HAS TO RECOGNIZE THAT THESE ARE VERY
23 EXPENSIVE BEDS. OUR BEDS ARE STILL THE MOST INEXPENSIVE BED
24 THAT'S AVAILABLE. WHEN WE'RE HAVING TO BUY HOSPITAL BEDS OUT
25 THERE, WE ARE MAKING A HUGE MISTAKE THAT'S GOING TO BE AN



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1 ESCALATING COST. AND SO I THINK IT NEEDS A REMEDY. AND IF YOU
2 DON'T HEAR ME LOUD AND CLEAR, I WILL CONTINUE TO REPEAT IT.
3 THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR REPORT. MR. ANTONOVICH, WERE YOUR
4 THOSE ALL YOUR ITEMS?

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE OTHER ITEM WOULD BE ITEM NO. 1.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ITEM NO. 1 THAT'S FOR A HEARING.

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 1, IF I COULD SWEAR THOSE
11 INDIVIDUALS IN. ANYONE WHO WISHES TO TESTIFY TO THE BOARD,
12 BEFORE THE BOARD ON ITEM NO. 1, PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR
13 RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN? I THINK THERE WERE A COUPLE. ONE
14 INDIVIDUAL. IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD,
15 DO YOU SOLEMNLY AFFIRM TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND
16 NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH SO HELP YOU GOD? THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE
17 SEATED. ON ITEM NO. 1, I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE
18 RECORD. THIS IS A HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTY
19 CODE TITLE 2 ADMINISTRATION TO INCREASE FEES FOR REGULAR
20 MARRIAGE LICENSES FROM \$70 TO \$90 AND CONFIDENTIAL MARRIAGE
21 LICENSES FROM \$70 TO \$85 TO RECOVER COSTS BY THE REGISTRAR-
22 RECORDER COUNTY CLERK FOR ADMINISTERING THESE SERVICES. I
23 DON'T BELIEVE THERE IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT. THERE IS ONE
24 SPEAKER IN THE AUDIENCE.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. JOHN WALSH? MR. WALSH IF YOU'D
2 JOIN US, PLEASE?

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4 **JOHN WALSH:** THANK YOU. SHOULD I RAISE MY RIGHT HAND WHILE I'M
5 TESTIFYING?

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO, YOU DON'T NEED TO. YOU HAVE BEEN SWORN
8 IN, SIR.

9

10 **JOHN WALSH:** BELIEVE ME, THERE'S NOT GOING TO BE A WORD OF
11 PERJURY HERE. BLOGGING IN HOLLYWOOD HIGHLANDS.ORG. THIS IS THE
12 FINAL INSULT. WE'RE NOW BEING TAXED AN EXTRA \$15 -- \$20.
13 TWENTY EXTRA DOLLARS TO GET MARRIED. YOU KNOW, WE HAVE
14 MILLIONS OF PEOPLE IN L.A., IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND IN
15 THE COUNTY OF L.A. TRYING TO GET MARRIED WHO PROBABLY -- MANY
16 GAY PEOPLE WOULD PROBABLY PAY YOU \$1,000 TO GET MARRIED, OR
17 \$2,000 TO GET MARRIED, MILLIONS OF DOLLARS THEY SPEND ON
18 CAMPAIGNS TO GET MARRIED. AND THE RESULT HERE IS NOW THAT
19 YOU'RE GOING TO CHARGE EVERYBODY IN L.A. AN EXTRA \$20 TO GET
20 MARRIED. AND WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN? ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN.
21 YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE ENORMOUS NUMBERS OF ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN
22 BECAUSE IT'S BECOMING TOO EXPENSIVE FOR THE HOMELESS TO GET
23 MARRIED. IT'S GETTING TOO EXPENSIVE FOR EVERYBODY TO GET
24 MARRIED. IT'S A MARRIAGE TAX. WHEN YOU GET -- MAYBE YOU SHOULD
25 TATTOO EVERYBODY WITH \$90 WHEN THEY GET MARRIED. IN FACT, TO



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1 PROTEST THIS TAX, I WILL NOT GET MARRIED EVER UNTIL YOU RETURN
2 IT TO THE \$70. THAT SHOULD SCARE YOU. AND WHEN YOU FINISH
3 THIS, I'M TELLING YOU THAT IN THE NEXT YEAR, THE NUMBER OF
4 PEOPLE GETTING MARRIED AND YOUR MARRIAGE TAX MONEY WILL GO
5 DOWN. HELL, NO, I WON'T SAY I DO. HELL, NO, I WON'T SAY I DO.
6 AND IF YOU WANT TO HEAR MORE ABOUT THIS, AND I DON'T NEED
7 THREE MINUTES, YOU WANT TO HEAR MORE ABOUT THIS, GO TO OUR
8 WEBSITE, HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. THANK YOU. NO, NO. I DO YES,
9 AN EXTRA \$20 NO.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. WALSH. THAT ITEM IS MOVED
12 BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF
13 THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON ITEM NO. 1.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME JUST SAY THAT THOSE ARE THE ITEMS I
16 HAVE BUT I WOULD JUST LIKE TO MAKE ANOTHER COMMENT. YESTERDAY
17 IT WAS REPORTED THE REPORTS OF THE LOG THAT HAD BEEN REVIEWED
18 AND RELEASED FROM THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT INDICATED
19 THAT IN THAT STATION FIRE THAT WE HAD THAT TOOK OUR TWO
20 FIREMEN'S LIVES AND DESTROYED OVER 160,000 ACRES AND 100 HOMES
21 AND STRUCTURES, THAT AIR SUPPORT HAD BEEN REQUESTED BY THE
22 COMMANDERS ON THE GROUND, AND THE U.S. FORESTRY SERVICE UPPER
23 COMMANDS REFUSED THAT AIR SUPPORT AT A TIME THAT IT WOULD HAVE
24 SAVED LIVES. WE HAD PEOPLE -- AND I JUST HAD ANOTHER
25 CONSTITUENT LETTER WHO OBSERVED THE ABILITY THAT THE AIRCRAFT



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1 COULD HAVE HAD TO SAVE PROPERTY AND PUT OUT THE FIRE QUICKER.
2 BUT, AGAIN, CONGRESSMAN SCHIFF HAS REQUESTED CONGRESSIONAL
3 INVESTIGATION. WE'VE ASKED SENATOR FEINSTEIN TO JOIN IN THAT
4 CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT WHEN WE
5 HAVE FUTURE FIRES, THAT AIR SUPPORT IS ABLE TO GO IN
6 IMMEDIATELY. THE COUNTY IS ABLE TO FLY AT NIGHT. WE FLY IN THE
7 EARLY MORNING HOURS. THE U.S. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THEY DON'T
8 HAVE THAT TYPE OF A POLICY. AND THEN OUR BRUSH CLEARANCE AND
9 OUR ABILITY TO USE MECHANIZED FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT IS ABLE
10 TO BE USED IMMEDIATELY, WHEREAS MECHANIZED EQUIPMENT HAS TO BE
11 OKAYED ALL THE WAY IN WASHINGTON, D.C., NOT BY THE PEOPLE ON
12 THE GROUND HERE. AND HOPEFULLY FROM THE TRAGEDY OF THE LOSS OF
13 LIFE THAT WE'RE GOING TO GET THE NECESSARY REFORMS OFF THE
14 DEPUTY FIREFIGHTER'S FATHER-IN-LAW WILL BE LEADING OUR
15 INVOCATION IN FEBRUARY AT OUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING.
16 AND THEY APPRECIATED THE FINE SUPPORT THAT WE HAVE GIVEN THE
17 FAMILY IN THIS SERIOUS TIME. THAT LOSS OF LIFE AND WITH THE
18 BIRTH OF THEIR NEW GRANDDAUGHTER. BUT, AGAIN, OUR COUNTY FIRE
19 DEPARTMENT HAS DONE AN INCREDIBLE JOB. AND IF THEY HAD THE
20 ABILITY TO HANDLE THIS AND NOT BE SECOND IN COMMAND BUT FIRST
21 IN COMMAND, WE COULD HAVE AVERTED THE TRAGEDY THAT OCCURRED.
22 THANK YOU. WE'RE VERY PLEASED THAT CHIEF FREEMAN IS GOING TO
23 STAY ANOTHER YEAR.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I THINK WE'RE ALL GRATEFUL. THAT'S GREAT.
2 THAT WAS GOOD NEWS FOR ALL OF US. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS,
3 YOUR SPECIALS, PLEASE?

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR. I WOULD
6 LIKE TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CLARENCE JACKSON, A LONGTIME
7 RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WHO PASSED AWAY ON
8 DECEMBER THE SEVENTH, BORN IN WACO, TEXAS. MR. JACKSON
9 RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES IN 1942 WITH HIS MOTHER AND BROTHER.
10 HE ENLISTED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY IN 1949 AND WAS
11 HONORABLY DISCHARGED IN THE EARLY 1950S. HE THEN BUILT A
12 CAREER IN THE AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY, WORKING FOR SEVERAL
13 MANUFACTURERS UNTIL 1967 WHILE HE RETURNED TO COLLEGE TO EARN
14 A BACHELOR'S OF SCIENCE DEGREE. AFTER COMPLETING HIS DEGREE,
15 HE BEGAN TEACHING AT MANUAL ARTS HIGH SCHOOL, AND THAT WAS IN
16 1968. A YEAR LATER EARNED HIS MASTER'S DEGREE. HE ULTIMATELY
17 RETIRED AS A VICE PRINCIPAL IN 1992. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR
18 HIS HARD WORKING NATURE, HIS ADVOCACY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION AND
19 SELF-IMPROVEMENT. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS FATHER,
20 ALLEN; HIS WIFE, DOROTHY; HIS CHILDREN, SHARON AND CLARENCE,
21 JR.; ONE GRANDDAUGHTER, EIGHT NIECES, ONE NEPHEW, AND A HOST
22 OF RELATIVES AND FRIENDS. I SHOULD PUNCTUATE THIS BY
23 INDICATING THAT CLARENCE JACKSON WAS ONE OF MY HIGH SCHOOL
24 TEACHERS AT MANUAL ARTS AND I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER HIM WITH A
25 GREAT DEGREE OF FONDNESS. DONALD KANE, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF



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1 THE FLORENCE-FIRESTONE COMMUNITY, PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER THE
2 19TH, BORN IN 1923 IN LANCASTER, OHIO. MR. KANE RELOCATED TO
3 LOS ANGELES IN 1950. HE WAS A WORLD WAR II VETERAN, FROM 1943
4 TO 1946 HE SERVED OUR NATION PROUDLY. HE WAS AWARDED THE
5 AMERICAN THEATER RIBBON, EUROPEAN AFRICAN MIDDLE EASTERN
6 THEATER RIBBON WITH TWO BRONZE STARS, A MEDAL OF GOOD CONDUCT,
7 A PURPLE HEART, AND A VICTORY MEDAL IN WORLD WAR II. HE
8 BELONGED TO THE V.A. POST IN FLORENCE-FIRESTONE FOR 15 YEARS.
9 EVERY CHRISTMAS, THE VETERANS PASSED OUT TOYS TO THE CHILDREN.
10 AND EARLY THIS YEAR, HE DONATED MONEY TO THE SHERIFF'S COUNTY
11 STATION YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR
12 HIS LOVE OF LIFE, HIS LOVE FOR HIS FAMILY, HIS LOVE FOR HIS
13 COUNTRY. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS WIFE, ANGELITA;
14 HIS CHILDREN, NANCY, MIKE, MANUEL, GEORGE; AND SEVEN
15 GRANDCHILDREN. YOU ADD TO THAT SIX GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND A
16 HOST OF RELATIVES AND FRIENDS. HE IS THE GRANDFATHER OF CELICA
17 QUIONES, A MEMBER OF MY STAFF. AND I WOULD ASK SUPERVISOR
18 MOLINA TO JOIN ME IN THAT ADJOURNMENT.

19
20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED, YES, I WOULD.

21
22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NELLE BECKER SLAYTON. LONGTIME EDUCATOR
23 AND COFOUNDER OF GROUPS PROMOTING SCIENCE EDUCATION FOR
24 MINORITY STUDENTS AND ADVANCED DEGREES FOR AFRICAN-AMERICANS
25 WHO PASSED AWAY ON THIS PAST DECEMBER 1. BORN AUGUST 31 IN



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1 PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND, MS. SLAYTON FOUNDED COMMUNITY
2 SCIENCE WORKSHOPS, INCORPORATED, WITH HER HUSBAND IN 1961,
3 WHICH THEY OPERATED UNTIL 1970 WHEN IT WAS ADOPTED BY THE
4 CALIFORNIA MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY, NOW KNOWN AS THE
5 CALIFORNIA SCIENCE CENTER. SHE ALSO LAUNCHED THE ASSOCIATION
6 OF PAN AFRICAN DOCTORAL SCHOLARS IN 1981 TO PROVIDE EXTRA
7 SUPPORT TO AFRICAN-AMERICANS ENROLLED IN DOCTORAL PROGRAMS.
8 SHE GRADUATED FROM NEW YORK UNIVERSITY IN 1946 WITH A DEGREE
9 IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AND WORKED AS A REPORTER WITH WHAT WAS
10 KNOWN AS THE CALIFORNIA EAGLE HERE IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
11 MORE SPECIFICALLY LOCAL. BEFORE OBTAINING HER TEACHING
12 CREDENTIAL FROM CAL STATE UNIVERSITY LOS ANGELES. SHE BEGAN
13 TEACHING IN THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT IN 1959,
14 WHERE SHE STAYED FOR 35 YEARS AND ALSO WORKED AS A
15 MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR. SHE DID EXTENSIVE
16 RESEARCH ON HER FAMILY TO FIND TRUTH AND STORIES ABOUT AN
17 ANCESTOR WHO FOUGHT IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR, WHICH GAINED HER
18 ENTRY INTO THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION. SHE WILL
19 BE REMEMBERED FONDLY FOR HER COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION, HER
20 DETERMINATION, WHICH WAS A MARK OF HER CHARACTER. SHE DOES
21 LEAVE TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER SONS, GLEN AND BAXTER; HER
22 BROTHERS, ADOLPH AND LESLIE; FIVE GRANDCHILDREN AND A HOST OF
23 FRIENDS. WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ACKNOWLEDGE SHE IS THE
24 MOTHER OF ONE OF THE STELLAR EMPLOYEES AT THE CALIFORNIA
25 SCIENCE CENTER, SHELL. AND WE SEND OUR CONDOLENCES IN A



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1 PERSONAL WAY. MADAME CHAIR, VIVIAN SNEED, LONGTIME TIME SECOND
2 DISTRICT RESIDENT WHO PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 11TH. MS. SNEED
3 WAS A SUPERVISING NURSE AT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING MULTI-
4 SERVICE AMBULATORY CARE CENTER FOR SOME 21 YEARS. SHE WAS A
5 DEDICATED NURSE, REMEMBERED FOR HER WORK IN THE PEDIATRIC
6 DEPARTMENT. HER COMPASSION, HER CARING AND HER LOVING NATURE
7 AND BEING A GOOD FRIEND IS THE WAY IN WHICH SHE WILL BE
8 REMEMBERED. HER PASSING LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER
9 DAUGHTER AND A HOST OF COWORKERS AND FRIENDS. RUBY JEAN SPANN,
10 LONGTIME SECOND DISTRICT RESIDENT WHO PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER
11 THE 11TH. BORN IN 1933 IN BRANDON, MISSISSIPPI. MS. SPANN
12 RELOCATED WITH HER HUSBAND TO LOS ANGELES IN 1951. SHE WORKED
13 AT VANGUARD ELECTRONICS AND U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER AND WAS AN
14 ACTIVE LEADER IN THE LABOR MOVEMENT. SHE SERVED AS THE
15 PRESIDENT OF A.F.S.C.M.E. LOCAL 3299, AND AT THE TIME OF HER
16 PASSING WAS VICE PRESIDENT OF A.F.S.C.M.E. RETIREES' CHAPTER
17 36 AND PRESIDENT OF THE CALIFORNIA BLACK TRADE UNION, SOUTHERN
18 CALIFORNIA CHAPTER. SHE WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF SEVERAL OTHER
19 SIGNIFICANT ORGANIZATIONS AND SERVED AS GRAND SECRETARY FOR
20 THE FANNY E. GREEN SHRINE-FEZ CLUB. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR
21 HER LOVE OF LIFE AND PEOPLE, HER WILLINGNESS TO LEND A HELPING
22 HAND WHENEVER IT WAS NEEDED. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY
23 HER CHILDREN, KENNETH AND DIANE; HER SIBLINGS, ANNIE, CAROLYN,
24 AND JOHN; HER GRANDSON, ERIC, WHO SHE WAS IN THE PROCESS OF
25 RAISING HERSELF; SIX ADDITIONAL GRANDCHILDREN; EIGHT GRAND



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1 GRANDCHILDREN AND A HOST OF OTHER RELATIVES AND FRIENDS.
2 ROBERT KAZUAKI YASUI, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY OF LOS
3 ANGELES WHO PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER THE 15TH. BORN IN LOS
4 ANGELES ON OCTOBER 26TH AND ATTENDED DORSEY HIGH SCHOOL, WHERE
5 HE BECAME PROFICIENT AT JUDO. HE SERVED AS A MASTER SERGEANT
6 COMMUNICATIONS CHIEF ARMORED ARTILLERY IN THE UNITED STATES
7 ARMY DURING THE KOREAN WAR AT FORT STILL, OKLAHOMA. HE LATER
8 EARNED AN A.A. DEGREE AT LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE WHICH LED TO
9 A POSITION OF SENIOR ENGINEERING ASSISTANT AT HOFFMAN
10 LABORATORIES, WHERE HE WORKED ON PIONEERING RESEARCH AND
11 DEVELOPMENT OF SOLAR ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES. HE ALSO WORKED ON
12 ALL U.S. SPACECRAFT PROJECTS TO MARS, VENUS AND JUPITER FROM
13 THEIR INCEPTION THROUGH THE 1980S. DESPITE THE FACT THAT HE
14 NEVER COMPLETED A FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE PROGRAM, HE OBTAINED
15 GRADUATE DEGREES IN TECHNICAL AND MANAGEMENT STUDIES AS WELL
16 AS A MASTER'S IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION. IN ADDITION TO HIS
17 PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS, HE WAS ACTIVE IN HIS FAMILY AND
18 COMMUNITY, SERVING AS THE HIGHEST RANKING VOLUNTEER OF THE
19 LOCAL BOY SCOUTS COUNCILS AS DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, AMONG
20 OTHER NOTEWORTHY ACTIVITIES. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS
21 COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE, HIS LOVE FOR FLY FISHING, AND
22 HIS BELIEF IN EDUCATION AS A LIFELONG PROJECT. HE LEAVES TO
23 CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS MOTHER, HIS WIFE, HIS CHILDREN, AND
24 SIBLINGS. AND WITH THEM, FOUR GRANDCHILDREN AND A HOST OF



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1 OTHER RELATIVES AND FRIENDS. THAT CONCLUDES MY ADJOURNING
2 MOTIONS, MADAME CHAIR.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS. DO YOU
5 HAVE ANY OTHER SPECIALS OR ANY ITEMS YOU'RE HOLDING?

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I DO NOT. THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I HAVE A COUPLE OF
12 ADJOURNING MOTIONS. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH MADE A COUPLE OF
13 THEM. I WANT TO ADD MY NAME TO JENNIFER JONES WHO WAS A
14 CONSTITUENT OF MINE IN MALIBU. AN ACTRESS, A PHILANTHROPIST,
15 PATRONESS OF THE ARTS, AND HAD A TREMENDOUS IMPACT ON THE ARTS
16 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND ALSO ROY DISNEY, WHO ASIDE FROM ALL
17 THE OTHER THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN MENTIONED, WAS A PRINCIPAL
18 ENGINE BEHIND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE RED CAT, THE ROY AND EDNA
19 DISNEY THEATER AT THE WALT DISNEY CONCERT HALL, WHICH WAS
20 NAMED AFTER HIS MOTHER AND FATHER. AND HE WAS A VERY ACTIVE
21 MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY IN MANY WAYS. MANY OF THEM NOT FOR
22 ATTRIBUTION, HE JUST DID STUFF. LASTLY I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE
23 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF LUCY JOVENELLY. LUCY WAS A FORMER
24 LONGTIME MEMBER OF THE OFFICE OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY CLERK'S
25 OFFICE WHO DIED OF CANCER AT THE AGE OF 74 AT HER HOME IN



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1 ASHLAND, OREGON. LUCY WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH THE CITY
2 COUNCIL AND ITS VARIOUS COMMITTEES, INCLUDING SERVING AS THE
3 CLERK OF THE COMMITTEE I CHAIRED, THE BUDGET AND FINANCE
4 COMMITTEE, FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. AND SHE WAS A JOVIAL AND
5 COMPETENT AND DEPENDABLE ASSISTANT WHO MADE OUR COMMITTEE RUN
6 SMOOTHLY. I WAS SORRY WHEN SHE RETIRED MANY YEARS AGO AND
7 MOVED TO ASHLAND AND VERY SORRY THAT SHE PASSED AWAY AT AN
8 UNTIMELY AGE. SHE IS SURVIVED BY SEVERAL SISTERS, FOUR
9 CHILDREN AND SEVERAL GRANDCHILDREN. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNING
10 MOTIONS.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DO. I WANT TO READ IN A MOTION FOR THE
15 NEXT MEETING. ACTUALLY, IT'S A REPORT-BACK SO I DON'T THINK
16 IT'S FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YOU WANT THE REPORT BACK BY THEN?

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WANT THE REPORT BACK ON THE 19TH, WHICH IS
21 A WEEK AFTER THE NEXT MEETING, SO FOUR WEEKS FROM NOW. LAST
22 FRIDAY, THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER RELEASED THE FINDINGS FROM HER
23 PAYROLL AND PERSONNEL REVIEW OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
24 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THE AUDIT, WHICH COVERED MANY AREAS,
25 SUCH AS LEAVE ACCOUNTING AND MONITORING BONUS ELIGIBILITY,



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1 DISCLOSED A NUMBER OF ERRORS RESULTING IN OVERPAYMENTS,
2 UNDERPAYMENTS AND INCORRECT LEAVE BALANCES. FOR EXAMPLE, EIGHT
3 EMPLOYEES WERE OVERPAID APPROXIMATELY \$62,000 WHEN THEY WENT
4 FROM USING PART-PAY SICK LEAVE TO USING FULL-PAY SICK LEAVE.
5 THE AREA THAT HAD MOST SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS, HOWEVER, WAS THE
6 OVERTIME USAGE. OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS, THE SHERIFF HAS
7 EXCEEDED HIS ANNUAL OVERTIME BUDGET, WHICH WAS \$84.6 MILLION
8 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009, BY AN AVERAGE OF 104 PERCENT OR
9 NEARLY \$83 MILLION PER YEAR. LAST YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT DID
10 MAKE GREAT STRIDES TO REDUCE OVERTIME USAGE, AND EXPENDITURES
11 WENT DOWN BY 20 PERCENT. WHILE PROGRESS IS BEING MADE, MORE
12 NEEDS TO BE DONE. SPECIFICALLY THE AUDIT FOUND THAT, NUMBER
13 ONE, WORK SCHEDULE RULES ARE OFTEN VIOLATED. OF THE HIGH
14 OVERTIME EARNERS REVIEWED 70 PERCENT VIOLATED THE WORK
15 SCHEDULE RULES. VIOLATIONS INCLUDED WORKING BACK-TO-BACK
16 DOUBLE SHIFTS OR WORKING OVER 12 CONSECUTIVE DAYS. SECONDLY,
17 OVERTIME IS NOT ALWAYS MONITORED WITH THE INTERNAL CONTROLS
18 CURRENTLY IN PLACE. TIMEKEEPING STAFFS ARE REQUIRED TO ISSUE
19 NOTICES FOR WORK SCHEDULE VIOLATIONS AND FAILED TO DO SO IN 72
20 PERCENT OF THE CASES REVIEWED. UNIT MANAGERS ARE REQUIRED TO
21 MONITOR OVERTIME FOR APPROPRIATENESS ON A MONTHLY BASIS,
22 HOWEVER 100 PERCENT OF THE MANAGERS SAMPLED FAILED TO DO SO.
23 THIRD, SOME EXISTING OVERTIME AND WORK SCHEDULE POLICIES NEED
24 TO BE RE-EVALUATED. CURRENTLY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ALLOWS
25 UP TO 96 HOURS OF OVERTIME PER MONTH, EQUIVALENT TO NINE EXTRA



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1 MONTHS OF WORK PER YEAR, FULL-TIME WORK. HOWEVER, UNDER THIS
2 POLICY, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE OVERTIME USAGE IS EXCESSIVE.
3 BETWEEN MARCH OF 2007 TO FEBRUARY OF 2008, 1,313 EMPLOYEES
4 WORKED OVER 600 HOURS, AND OF THESE EMPLOYEES, 348 WORKED OVER
5 900 HOURS OF OVERTIME, EQUAL TO SIX MONTHS OF ADDITIONAL FULL-
6 TIME WORK. EMPLOYEES WHO WORK EXCESSIVE AMOUNTS OF OVERTIME
7 MAY NOT BE PHYSICALLY OR MENTALLY CAPABLE OF PERFORMING THEIR
8 JOBS AND MAY BE JEOPARDIZING PUBLIC SAFETY AND THEIR OWN
9 SAFETY. AS PAGE 3 OF THE REPORT OF THE AUDIT REPORT INDICATES,
10 AND I QUOTE, "THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES WORKING A SIGNIFICANT
11 AMOUNT OF TOTAL OVERTIME INDICATES A NEED FOR ADDITIONAL
12 OVERTIME POLICIES AND CONTROLS." SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S JOINING
13 ME ON THIS MOTION. WE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
14 DIRECT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO REPORT BACK ON JANUARY
15 19TH, 2010, ON STRATEGIES FOR IDENTIFYING AND IMPLEMENTING
16 ADDITIONAL OVERTIME POLICIES AND CONTROLS, INCLUDING BUT NOT
17 LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING. ONE, QUARTERLY REVIEWS CONDUCTED BY
18 THE C.E.O. WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO
19 MONITOR THE OVERTIME USAGE OF HIGH OVERTIME EARNERS WHERE
20 OVERTIME EARNINGS EXCEED 50 PERCENT OF THEIR REGULAR SALARY.
21 SUCH REVIEWS SHOULD IDENTIFY ANY WORK SCHEDULE VIOLATIONS
22 INCLUDING ALL CASES WHERE EMPLOYEES WORKED BACK-TO-BACK DOUBLE
23 SHIFTS MORE THAN 12 DAYS CONSECUTIVELY OR MORE THAN 19 HOURS
24 IN A DAY. SECONDLY, SUBMISSION OF OVERTIME MONITORING FINDINGS
25 BY THE SHERIFF'S TIMEKEEPING STAFF, UNIT MANAGERS TO THE



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1 C.E.O. ON A QUARTERLY BASIS FOR VERIFICATION AND REVIEW.
2 THIRD, REVIEW OF EXISTING OVERTIME POLICIES AND WORK SCHEDULE
3 RULES BY THE C.E.O., THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, THE
4 AUDITOR CONTROLLER AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING BUT
5 NOT LIMITED TO THE 96 HOURS PER MONTH CAP AND CRITERIA FOR
6 WHEN, IF ANY, EXCEPTIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS OR BUREAUS MAY BE
7 MADE. AND, LASTLY, IMMEDIATE ANALYSIS OF THE ERRORS IDENTIFIED
8 IN THE AUDITOR'S REPORT AND THE POTENTIAL RECOVERY OF
9 OVERPAYMENTS, CORRECTION OF UNDERPAYMENTS, AND ADJUSTMENT OF
10 EMPLOYEE LEAVE BALANCES. THOSE ARE SOME OF THE IDEAS, YOU'RE
11 NOT LIMITED TO THOSE. I ASK FOR A REPORT ON THE 19TH. THAT'S
12 ALL I HAVE, MADAME CHAIR.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THAT MOTION. IT IS FOR A
15 REPORT BACK. SUPERVISOR KNABE?

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** YES, MADAME CHAIR, I HAVE A COUPLE OF
18 ADJOURNMENTS, AS WELL. FIRST OF ALL THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
19 OF A GOOD FRIEND, MR. JERRY ADES, WHO PASSED HE WAS THE OWNER
20 OF CHINO ICE AND FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE WESTERN ICE
21 ASSOCIATION, WHERE HE IS ALSO A HALL OF FAMER. HE WILL BE
22 SORELY MISSED BY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
23 WIFE, CONNIE, AND SON, DANNY. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
24 OF MR. JAMES WILLIAMS, WHO PASSED AWAY LAST WEEK AT THE AGE OF
25 65, A 63-YEAR RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. HE IS SURVIVED



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1 BY HIS BROTHER, FELTON, WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE LONG BEACH
2 UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD. WE'D LIKE TO EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO
3 FELTON AND HIS FAMILY. MADAME CHAIR, I HELD A COUPLE ITEMS.
4 FIRST OF ALL, ITEM 11. I SUPPORT THE ITEM. I JUST WANTED TO
5 HIGHLIGHT THE TIRELESS WORK THAT'S BEING DONE BY OUR 211
6 OPERATORS. THEY HAVE A CALL CAPACITY OF ABOUT 375,000. YET
7 LAST YEAR THEY'VE HANDLED OVER 414,000 CALLS, 41 PERCENT OF
8 WHICH WERE FROM OUR UNINCORPORATED AREAS. SO I'D LIKE TO NOTE
9 THAT THE CODE ENFORCEMENT CALLS ARE REALLY UP, AS WELL, TOO.
10 AND I SEE THAT AS A GOOD THING. I JUST WANTED TO COMMENT ON
11 INCREASING CALLS WE'RE GETTING AS RELATED TO SOCIAL SERVICES,
12 AS IT RELATES TO SAFE SURRENDER. OBVIOUSLY OTHER INCREASING
13 CALLS ARE IN REGARD TO EMERGENCY SHELTER, BUT TRULY UNDERSCORE
14 THE NEEDS OUT THERE. BUT THE 211 FOLKS ARE REALLY ON THE
15 FRONTLINES OF THIS. AND I DO APPRECIATE ALL THAT THEY DO. AND
16 BECAUSE IT'S NOT GOING TO GET ANY EASIER IN THE COMING YEAR,
17 BUT I JUST WANTED TO THANK THEM PUBLICLY. I KNOW THAT ALL OF
18 OUR CONSTITUENTS HAVE HAD RESPONSE WITH 211 AND WE THANK THEM
19 FOR THAT. AND WITH THAT, MADAME CHAIR, I'D MOVE THE ITEM.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE DO HAVE SOME SPEAKERS ON
22 THIS ITEM. AMY LATZER? FOLLOWED BY JULIO PUCHALT. IF THEY'D
23 JOIN US, PLEASE.

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1 **JULIO PUCHALT:** GOOD MORNING MY NAME IS JULIO PUCHALT, I'M A
2 211 ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR AND C.F.O. WITH ME IS AMY LATZER. AMY
3 IS OUR CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER AND RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THE
4 WORK THAT IS DONE ON THE PHONES. OUR PURPOSE FOR BEING HERE
5 TODAY WAS PRIMARILY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT THE BOARD MAY
6 HAVE. BUT I WILL TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS, ON BEHALF
7 OF OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WHO COULD NOT BE HERE TODAY AND OUR
8 OWN BOARD OF DIRECTORS THE APPRECIATION WE HAVE FOR THE
9 SUPPORT THAT THIS BOARD AND THE COUNTY HAS GIVEN US OVER THE
10 YEARS. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO A CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP WITH THE
11 COUNTY. AND WE ARE HERE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** I HAD NO QUESTIONS. I JUST WANTED TO SAY THANKS.
14 YOU'VE BEEN PUT TO THE TEST THIS PAST YEAR, AND IT'S NOT GOING
15 TO GET ANY EASIER. I JUST WANTED TO SAY WE APPRECIATE ALL YOU
16 DO.

17

18 **JULIO PUCHALT:** THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. MADAME CHAIR, I MOVE THE ITEM.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THAT ITEM IS MOVED BY
23 SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED BY MYSELF. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION,
24 SO ORDERED.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** I ALSO HELD ITEM NO. 19.

2

3 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** MY QUESTION IS: I MEAN, WELL I ALWAYS GET NERVOUS
6 WHEN WE'RE FRONTING GENERAL FUND DOLLARS TO THE STATE. AND I
7 GOT THAT WEAK RESPONSE FROM COUNTY COUNSEL IN REGARDS TO WHAT
8 OUR LACK OF FLEXIBILITY MIGHT BE. AND I UNDERSTAND THIS HAS
9 BEEN ANSWERED, BUT I'M GOING TO ASK THE QUESTION BECAUSE I
10 WANT THE GET ON THE RECORD. THE REPAYMENT OF REVENUE THAT'S
11 BEING DELAYED THROUGH THIS PERIOD, ARE WE GOING TO GET THAT IN
12 ACTUAL DOLLARS? OR SOME CREDIT TOWARDS FUTURE PAYMENT?

13

14 **DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
15 I'M MARVIN SOUTHARD, DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
16 HEALTH. AND WE HAVE A STRONG EXPECTATION THAT THIS WHOLE CASH
17 FLOW ISSUE MAY NOT BE NECESSARY. WE HAVE BEEN PRESSING SINCE
18 MID SEPTEMBER THE STATE TO DELAY THEIR IMPLEMENTATION.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT WAS GOING TO BE MY NEXT QUESTION.

21

22 **DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD:** PROGRAM. AND WE HAVE RECEIVED INDICATIONS
23 THAT THEY SUPPORT OUR REQUEST AND THEY'RE TRYING TO WORK OUT
24 THE TECHNICAL DETAILS ON THAT. BUT IN CASE THERE ISN'T, WE
25 HAVE ALSO RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA



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1 STATING THAT THE MONEY TO BE PAID BACK WOULD BE PAID BACK IN
2 CASH WARRANTS RATHER THAN I.O.U.S.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** VERY GOOD. THANK YOU. I JUST WANT TO GET THAT ON
5 THE RECORD. WITH THAT, MADAME CHAIR, I'D MOVE ITEM NO. 19.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THIS ITEM -- ANY OTHER QUESTION
8 OR COMMENT? THIS ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED
9 BY -- OH, I'M SORRY. I THOUGHT THEY HAD COME UP. PATRICK
10 O'ROURKE WANTED TO ADDRESS THIS ITEM. MR. O'ROURKE? MR.
11 O'ROURKE? PATRICK O'ROURKE ON THIS ITEM? ITEM NO. 19?

12

13 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** HELLO THERE. MY NAME IS PATRICK O'ROURKE. I
14 LIVE IN THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA, ZEV YAROSLAVSKY'S DISTRICT.
15 I WANTED TO GO AHEAD AND ADDRESS AN ISSUE ON THIS. I WANTED TO
16 ASK THAT IF THE COUNTY IS GIVING MONEY AHEAD OF TIME TO THESE
17 AGENCIES, THAT THEY GO AHEAD AND CONFORM TO UNIFORM HEALTH
18 STANDARDS? I'VE NOTICED A LOT OF COMPLAINTS, AND I'VE ACTUALLY
19 BEEN TO THREE FACILITIES, INCLUDING TWO PRIVATE, WHAT DO YOU
20 CALL IT? RECIPIENTS OF THESE INFORMATION AGENCIES THAT ARE
21 REQUESTING UPFRONT MONEY, AND THEY'VE BEEN PRETTY FILTHY. AS A
22 MATTER OF FACT, ONE OF THE PLACES WHERE I WENT TO AND I TOOK
23 MY DAUGHTER AND MY WIFE WENT AT THE TIME WAS SO FILTHY THAT WE
24 HAD TO MONITOR OUR DAUGHTER'S EVERY MOVE. THERE WAS PUKE ON
25 THE COUCHES. THERE WAS SUCKER STEMS, PAPER ALL OVER THE



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1 CARPET. IT WAS JUST THE FILTHIEST, MOST DISGUSTING AREA FOR A
2 LITTLE GIRL TO BE IN. AND OUR DAUGHTER WAS ONE AT THE TIME,
3 CRAWLING AROUND ON THE FLOOR, PICKING UP THINGS. SO I WOULD
4 ASK THAT IF THESE AGENCIES GO AHEAD AND REQUEST MONEY UPFRONT,
5 THAT THEY CONFORM TO THE HEALTH STANDARDS, THAT THEY NOT BE
6 PUBLIC NUISANCE, THAT THEY NOT BE FILTHY, THAT THEY NOT BE
7 PLACES WHERE CHILDREN OR AT-RISK ADULTS CAN GET SICK. THANK
8 YOU.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. MOVE THE ITEM.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED BY
13 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON
14 THAT ITEM. ANYTHING ELSE? ALL RIGHT. I THINK THAT TAKES CARE
15 OF ALL OF OUR ITEMS. AND NOW WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT. ROSALIE
16 MARKS FOLLOWED BY LEONARD ROSE AND CHRISTY ZAMANI, IF THEY
17 WOULD JOIN US, PLEASE.

18

19 **LEONARD ROSE:** DO I START NOW? OKAY. MY NAME IS LEONARD ROSE. I
20 HEAR YOU TALK ABOUT GLOBAL WARMING AND NATO. I SEEN THE MOVIE,
21 ONE MOVIE ROAD AND THEIR ONE MOVIE KNOWING AND THE OTHER MOVIE
22 JUST PAST LAST MONTH AGO, 2012. AND THIS MOVIE I TALKED ABOUT
23 THAT EARTHQUAKE, YOU KNOW, WHEN THE VOLCANO AND YELLOWSTONE
24 PARK, YOU KNOW, AND HAVE VOLCANO MOUNTAIN UP THERE AND HAWAII
25 GOT VOLCANO. AND ALL OVER STATE HAVE AN EARTHQUAKE. AND THE



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1 ONE STATE DON'T HAVE EARTHQUAKE IS FLORIDA AND THE OTHER STATE
2 DON'T HAVE EARTHQUAKE BUT THEY GOT TORNADO, HURRICANE, AND
3 HURRICANE AND ALL THESE OTHER STATES AROUND WE'RE LIVING IN.
4 WE'RE LIVING IN AN EARTHQUAKE COUNTRY, YOU KNOW. AND IN THIS
5 END TIME, GOD'S JUDGMENT. AND I WON'T BE AROUND HERE ON THIS
6 EARTH BECAUSE THERE ARE THREE BILLION BORN AGAIN CHRISTIANS
7 ARE GOING TO DISAPPEAR IN THIS RAPTURE AND ALL THESE BILLIONS
8 OF BABIES ARE GOING TO BE DISAPPEARED IN THE RAPTURE WHEN THE
9 SECOND COMING OF CHRIST, YOU KNOW. AND THIS IS GOD'S JUDGMENT
10 RIGHT THERE, 2012. IT MIGHT BE PAST THEN. IT MIGHT BE 70 YEARS
11 FROM NOW, BUT WE'LL NOT KNOW WHEN IT IS GOING TO -- TIME IS
12 COMING. BUT WE KNOW IT'S A SHORT COMING, THE END TIME. AND DO
13 WE NEED TO HAVE SAFETY DRILL, EARTHQUAKE DRILL AND FIRE DRILL
14 AND A.B.C. CHANNEL 7 TO WATCH THE 11:30 TALK ABOUT A DRILL,
15 HOW TO BE SAFER AND JET PLANE CRASH, YOU KNOW. AND THESE
16 DRILLS, FIRE DRILLS AND THESE DRILLS ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO US
17 AND HAVE WORK DRILLS AND HAVE TO BE SAFETY THIS COUNTRY. AND I
18 WANT PEOPLE HELP ME. I WANT TO TALK TO SOMEBODY HELP ME
19 VOLUNTEER. I'M GOING TO WORK IN GARDENING PROGRAM AT NORWALK
20 STATE HOSPITAL, YOU KNOW. THEY'VE O.T. DISABILITY HANDICAPPED,
21 YOU KNOW, FOR PEOPLE WORK GARDENING PROGRAM. AND I'M GOING TO
22 GO TO A DOCTOR TOMORROW TO GET A CHEST X-RAY AND T.B. AND
23 TESTS AND FINGERPRINTS AND I'M GOING TO GO JANUARY THE 5TH AT
24 NORWALK STATE HOSPITAL, 5 P.M. AND LOSE THAT 18 POUNDS THAT I
25 NEED TO LOSE. AND THERE ARE NO JOB OPENINGS AT THE COMMUNITY



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1 CENTER AT THE SHERIFF'S STATION BECAUSE THEY GOT ENOUGH
2 VOLUNTEERS DOWN THERE SO I CAN'T GET JOBS NOWHERE ELSE THERE.
3 SO IF I COULD TALK TO SOMEBODY HERE ABOUT THESE THINGS, I NEED
4 TO TALK TO SOMEBODY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. AND THERE IS A
5 PICTURE I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT EARTHQUAKE COUNTRY.

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7 **SUP. KNABE:** WE'LL HAVE YOU TALK TO SOMEBODY FROM MY OFFICE IN
8 REGARDS TO NORWALK. IT'S A STATE FACILITY BUT WE MIGHT BE ABLE
9 TO PUT YOU IN TOUCH WITH THE RIGHT PEOPLE. THANK YOU, LEONARD.
10 MERRY CHRISTMAS. MADAME CHAIR, NEXT SPEAKER?

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12 **ROSALIE MARKS:** HAPPY HOLIDAYS. I'M ROSALIE MARKS. I WAS HERE A
13 FEW MONTHS AGO AND SUPERVISOR KNABE MOST KINDLY SAID THAT
14 SOMEBODY SHOULD HELP ME, SOMEBODY WITH AUTHORITY AND THEN THEY
15 SHOULD COME BACK AND GIVE A REPORT? THAT NEVER HAPPENED. AND
16 I'VE MADE SO MANY CALLS TO EVERY OFFICE. AND I NEVER REACH
17 ANYBODY WITH AUTHORITY OR ANYBODY THAT KNOWS WHAT'S GOING ON
18 OR ANYBODY WHO CAN HELP ME. SO WHERE CAN I GET HELP? BECAUSE
19 REALLY NOBODY IS ABOVE THE LAW. AND WHAT I'D LIKE TO
20 EMPHASIZE, I HAVE COURT PAPERS FROM SUPERIOR COURT STATING
21 THAT THEY SHOULDN'T HAVE CHARGED THE TAXES BECAUSE THE
22 GOVERNMENT HAD THIS PROPERTY AND WE WEREN'T EVEN ALLOWED TO GO
23 ON IT. AND I HAVE THE PAPERS FROM THE COURT STATING THAT WE
24 SHOULDN'T HAVE TO PAY THE REAL ESTATE TAX FOR THAT TIME WHEN



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1 THEY WERE ON THE PROPERTY AND WE WERE NOT ON THE PROPERTY AND
2 WE WERE NOT ON THE PROPERTY. SO WHERE COULD I GO FOR HELP?

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** I THOUGHT WE HAD SOMEONE FROM COUNTY COUNSEL AND
5 THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE THAT WAS GOING TO TALK TO YOU.

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7 **ROSALIE MARKS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. DO WE HAVE SOMEONE HERE FROM -- BOB?

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11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SOMEONE WILL HELP YOU.

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13 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, SOMEONE FROM COUNTY COUNSEL COULD TALK TO
14 HER AND SOMEONE FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE, PLEASE.

15

16 **ROSALIE MARKS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE. I HAVE DOCUMENTS.

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18 **SUP. KNABE:** SO IT TO THEM.

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20 **ROSALIE MARKS:** THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. KNABE:** YOU'RE WELCOME.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** (OFF MIC).

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1 **CHRISTY ZAMANI:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CHRISTY ZAMANI, I'M
2 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR DAY ONE, IT'S A LOCAL NONPROFIT IN
3 PASADENA THAT HAS A 20-YEAR HISTORY OF DOING ALCOHOL, TOBACCO
4 AND DRUG PREVENTION. I'M ALSO THE VICE CHAIR OF THE LOS
5 ANGELES COALITION ON ALCOHOL POLICY. THE REASON WHY I'M HERE
6 TODAY IS ALL OF YOUR OFFICES HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS IN REGARD
7 TO A.B.1019 PROVIDING SOME EDUCATION AND BACKGROUND ON THE
8 ISSUE. THE LEGISLATION WILL BE HEARD IN JANUARY AT THE
9 ASSEMBLY HEALTH COMMITTEE. AND I'M HERE TODAY URGING YOU ALL
10 TO MAKE THIS A PRIORITY TO TAKE SOME SUPPORT. OUR COUNTY HAS
11 NOT SEEN AN ALCOHOL TAX IN OVER 18 YEARS. I THINK WE'VE ALL
12 FELT THE BENEFIT OF THE TOBACCO TAXES THAT WE'VE PASSED AND
13 HOW THEY'VE HELPED REALLY DECREASE UNDERAGE USE. SO WE'RE
14 HOPING THAT THIS PROGRESSIVE PIECE OF LEGISLATION CAN ALSO
15 HELP US COME UP TO SPEED. IT WOULD ALSO CREATE 1.4 BILLION IN
16 NEW REVENUE FOR OUR STATE. I'M SURE ALL OF YOU REMEMBER LAST
17 WEEKEND, AYDIN SALEK, FROM SOUTH PASADENA HIGH SCHOOL, WHO
18 PASSED AWAY. A ROLE MODEL STUDENT, HEAD OF THE CANCER CLUB.
19 AYDIN DIED OF BINGE DRINKING. HE HAD ALCOHOL POISONING. THIS
20 IS A REAL ISSUE THAT I DON'T FEEL CAN BE IGNORED. TO BE HONEST
21 WITH YOU, I GO IN CLASSROOMS ALL THE TIME MYSELF TO PROVIDE
22 PREVENTION SERVICES. AND THE NUMBERS OF THE YOUTH WE'RE TRYING
23 TO TARGET, THEY'RE GROWING YOUNGER AND YOUNGER. SO WE REALLY
24 NEED THE SUPPORT. WE DEFINITELY HAVE QUALITY PROVIDERS THAT
25 ARE WILLING TO DO THE WORK. WE JUST NEED ADDITIONAL SUPPORT TO



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1 REACH THOSE YOUNGER AGE GROUPS THAT ARE EMERGING, AS WELL. SO
2 PLEASE CONSIDER TAKING A POSITION BEFORE THE JANUARY HEARING.
3 MY INFORMATION I'LL MAKE AVAILABLE TO ALL OF YOU IF YOU NEED
4 ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED PACKETS,
5 ANYWAYS, BUT PLEASE LET ME KNOW. WE'RE HAPPY TO BE OF SERVICE.
6 THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. MADAME CHAIR?

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10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NEXT WE HAVE OSCAR JOHNSON FOLLOWED BY
11 JOHN WALSH AND MR. SACHS.

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13 **OSCAR JOHNSON:** I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M GOING TO SAY TODAY. I'M
14 ALL SHOOK UP TODAY. MY NAME IS OSCAR. I SPEAK FOR THE
15 OPPRESSED. I SPEAK FOR THE STRUGGLING POOR AND I SPEAK FOR
16 CULTURE CHANGE. I'D LIKE TO THANK GOD FOR PRESIDENT BARACK
17 OBAMA, FOR THE SITUATION WHAT HE'S TRYING TO DO TODAY IN
18 AMERICA. I'VE LOOKED AT THE JOB PACKAGE THAT THE NEW
19 ADMINISTRATION IS TRYING TO ORGANIZE AND CREATE FOR BETTER
20 JOBS FOR AMERICANS TODAY. AND I'VE SEEN WHERE OUR PRESIDENT
21 BARACK OBAMA, HE WAS COMPLAINING ABOUT THE MEN IN BUSINESS
22 TODAY. HE WAS SAYING THAT MEN IN BUSINESS ARE NOT PAYING THEIR
23 TAXES. AND BEFORE THAT, HE WAS SPEAKING ABOUT WAL-MART WAS ONE
24 OF THE LARGEST CORPORATIONS IN AMERICA THAT DON'T HAVE
25 HEALTHCARE FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES. BUT WHAT I'D LIKE TO SPEAK



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1 ABOUT TODAY IS ABOUT MORALITY, THOUGH. WE NEED FAMILIES. WE
2 NEED FAMILIES. OUR COUNTRY HAS BEEN WRECKED. OUR EDUCATIONAL
3 SYSTEMS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED. 80 PERCENT OF THE STUDENTS THAT
4 GO TO SCHOOL IS FOSTER CHILDREN. AND I'VE SEEN WHERE THE MAYOR
5 OF DETROIT CITY SAID THAT THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM IN DETROIT,
6 THERE IS NO HOPE. THERE IS NO HOPE. WE NEED TO TRY TO UNITE.
7 WE NEED FAMILIES BACK. IF WE COULD BRING BACK FAMILIES, WE
8 PROBABLY COULD BRING BACK A BETTER EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM. WE NEED
9 TO END POLICE BRUTALITY. END POLICE MISCONDUCT. WE SHOULDN'T
10 HAVE ANY GOVERNMENT THAT'S NOT AMERICA GOVERNMENT GOVERNING
11 US. THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS
12 UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES. THEY SHOULDN'T BE IN AMERICA. THE
13 DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE. PART OF THE DECLARATION, THE
14 FIRST PRINCIPLE OF THE GOVERNMENT EXISTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF
15 THE PEOPLE AND NOT THE RULER. THE RIGHTS TO LIBERTY INCLUDES
16 THE RIGHT TO CRITICIZE THE GOVERNMENT, TO WORSHIP FREELY AND
17 TO FORM A GOVERNMENT THAT PROTECTS LIBERTY. BUT WE ARE SEEING
18 TODAY I WAS COMPLAINING ABOUT SEPARATING OF CHURCH AND STATE.
19 IT IS WRONG FOR THE CHURCH, THE STATE TO GIVE THE CHURCH
20 MONEY. IT IS WRONG FOR THE STATE TO CONTROL THE CHURCHES. WE
21 HAVE THE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES INSIDE THE HOUSE OF WORSHIP
22 MISREPRESENTING THE WORD OF GOD, DESTROYING THE HOUSE OF
23 WORSHIP. DIVISION IS NOT A GOD. WE NEED TO MAKE OUR LEADERS
24 MORE ACCOUNTABLE. WE NEED MORE LEADERS TODAY. WE NEED BETTER
25 JOBS SO US AFRICAN-AMERICAN MALES CAN MARRY FEMALES AND RAISE



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1 FAMILIES. TOO MANY CHILDREN ARE BORN OUTSIDE OF WEDLOCK TODAY.
2 WE SHOULD END GOVERNMENT GREED. WE SHOULD END CONSTRUCTION
3 FRAUD. OUR MAYOR VILLARAIGOSA CAN DO A FAR BETTER JOB ON SKID
4 ROW THAN WHAT HE'S DOING FOR THE HOMELESS. HE SHOULD REMOVE
5 THAT KIND OF ENVIRONMENT OFF OF SKID ROW. SHOULDN'T ANY HUMAN
6 BEING SHOULD HAVE TO LIVE UNDER THAT FILTH AND CORRUPTION AND
7 VIOLENCE YEAR IN AND YEAR OUT. WE HAVE BEEN TOTALLY NEGLECTED.
8 I HOPE ONE DAY WE CAN UNITE AND OVERTHROW THIS GOVERNMENT AND
9 BRING IN A NEW GOVERNMENT. AND I THINK A NEW GOVERNMENT MIGHT
10 BE ON ITS WAY TO AMERICA, AND I THINK AMERICA MIGHT BE WAITING
11 FOR --

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13 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. JOHNSON, YOUR TIME'S UP. THANK YOU.

14

15 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH. WE'RE BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOOD HIGHLANDS,
16 L-A-N-D-S, DOT ORG. 140,000 VISITORS IN THE PAST THREE MONTHS.
17 FIRST OF ALL, WE HAVE A NEW MOVEMENT THAT JUST STARTED,
18 BOYCOTT L.A. MARRIAGE. TAX ALCOHOL, NOT NEWLYWEDS. SAY "I
19 DON'T" TO THE NEW "I DO" TAX. I LOVE -- I DON'T COME OVER HERE
20 THAT OFTEN AND I DON'T PLAN TO BE COMING HERE ALL THE TIME,
21 BUT I LOVE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COMPARED TO THE EVIL,
22 CANCEROUS, DISGUSTING CITY COUNCIL WHERE ALL THEY'RE
23 INTERESTED IN IS THEIR MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES. IN FACT, THREE
24 MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL HAVE MARIJUANA -- MEDICAL
25 MARIJUANA PRESCRIPTIONS. I'D LIKE TO SAY ANDREA ORDIN IS



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1 COMING HERE, HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG FOR THE FULL AMOUNT OF
2 INFORMATION. WE'VE BEEN GOING FOR SIX MONTHS.
3 HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. ANDREA ORDIN WILL BE THE NEW COUNTY
4 COUNSEL. NOW YOU NEED TO CLEAN HOUSE. BECAUSE THE COUNTY
5 COUNSEL UP TILL NOW HAS BEEN BOUGHT AND PAID FOR BY THE MAYOR
6 OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. YOU NEED -- WE KNOW THAT WHATEVER
7 HE WANTS, HE GETS OVER HERE. IT'S TOTALLY INFILTRATED. I HOPE
8 THAT THIS NEW COUNTY COUNSEL WILL NOT BE ON HER KNEES TO THE
9 MAYOR THE WAY THE PREVIOUS COUNTY COUNCIL WAS AND GET RID OF
10 ALL THIS DEADWOOD OVER HERE, INCLUDING SEVERAL RACISTS WHO ARE
11 DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSELS. AS FAR AS YOUR COMMISSION, YOUR COUNTY
12 COMMISSION ON PENSIONS IS EXCELLENT. THE ONE THE MAYOR'S
13 RUNNING, AS YOU KNOW, HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG, MR. BROIDY HAS
14 JUST PLED GUILTY AND IS BEING SENTENCED IN NEW YORK STATE. I
15 WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT MIKE ANTONOVICH, AS A FELLOW TEACHER, I
16 DON'T KNOW HOW MANY OF YOU KNOW THAT ONE OF HIS FORMER
17 STUDENTS IS NOW A PRINCIPAL. AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT MIKE
18 ANTONOVICH, FOR MANY YEARS, TAUGHT DRIVER ED IN HIGH SCHOOL.
19 IN ORDER TO TEACH DRIVER ED IN HIGH SCHOOL, YOU NEED NERVES OF
20 SOLID STEEL. YOU'RE DOING AN EXCELLENT JOB. YOU DID AN
21 EXCELLENT JOB. WE'RE ASKING YOU NOW: TAX ALCOHOL, NOT
22 NEWLYWEDS. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK OVER HERE AS -- IF I WERE
23 OVER THERE AT CITY COUNCIL, HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG FOR THE
24 FULL STORY ON CORRUPTION AT CITY COUNCIL, I WOULD HAVE BEEN
25 INTERRUPTED MANY, MANY TIMES WITH RUDENESS BY ERIC "LITTLE



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1 RICKY" GARCETTI. IF YOU WANT TO KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT RICKY,
2 COME TO HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. THANK YOU. BYE-BYE.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** (OFF MIC).

5

6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. AGAIN, I'D LIKE TO
7 SPEND THE FIRST 20 SECONDS OR SO WISHING YOU ALL HAPPY
8 HOLIDAYS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR. AND I'D LIKE TO HOPE THAT IN
9 2010 WE HAVE MORE PEOPLE COME TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF
10 SUPERVISORS TO TAKE PART IN EXPRESSING PUBLIC COMMENTARY ON
11 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR ACTIONS. THEY DO CONTROL \$22
12 BILLION IN A BUDGET. AND VERY OFTEN IN THE MEETINGS, THERE'S
13 JUST TOO FEW PEOPLE HERE TO PAY ATTENTION TO QUESTION SOME OF
14 THE SITUATIONS THAT OCCUR. WE NEED MORE PUBLIC INPUT AT THESE
15 MEETINGS. NOW, MY M.T.A. MINUTE. (LAUGHING) AGAIN, IF YOU
16 MIGHT HAVE READ IN THE L.A. TIMES TODAY THAT THE MAYOR WAS
17 VERY HAPPY WITH HIS LAST YEAR IN THE CITY OFFICE, THAT HE WAS
18 ECSTATIC ABOUT THE PASSAGE OF MEASURE R, WHICH IS THE HALF
19 CENT SALES TAX. THE PROBLEM BEING THAT YOU STARVE THE PUBLIC
20 FOR TRANSIT OPTIONS, THEY'RE PROBABLY WILLING TO GIVE
21 ANYTHING, BECAUSE ANYTHING WOULD BE AN IMPROVEMENT OVER THE
22 DIRECTION THE CITY IS GOING IN. BUT WHEN YOU GO TO THE M.T.A.
23 BOARD MEETINGS OR YOU LOOK AT THE AGENDA ITEMS, AS RECENTLY AS
24 LAST MONTH, THERE WAS AN AGENDA ITEM FOR AN EXTENSION THAT'S
25 BEEN ASKED FOR REGARDING THE GREEN LINE CALLED THE HARBOR



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1 SUBDIVISION. WHICH THE M.T.A. BOARD AGREED TO FUND THE STUDY.
2 BUT IN THAT AGREEMENT, THEY ASKED FOR AN E.I.R. FOR A LINE
3 FROM THE IMPERIAL BLUE LINE STATION, WHICH HAS NEVER BEEN
4 DISCUSSED, NEVER BEEN AUTHORIZED, NEVER BEEN TALKED ABOUT. ALL
5 THE OUTREACH PROGRAMS FOR THE HARBOR SUBDIVISION TALK ABOUT
6 EXTENDING THE GREEN LINE FROM THE MARINE AVENUE STATION INTO
7 THE SOUTH BAY. SO WHERE, HOW, WHO, WHAT IS THE MONEY BEING
8 SPENT ON IF NOT FOR THESE RIDICULOUS PROJECTS? LOOK AT THE
9 RECORD. THERE WAS A LINE FROM WESTERN AND AND WILSHIRE TO GO
10 TO PICO AND SAN VICENTE. FEDERALLY FUNDED, FEDERALLY NOTHING.
11 NO RESULTS, NO PROGRAM, NO NOTHING. WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT
12 LINE? BUT WE HAVE AN E.I.R. FOR GREEN LINE FROM WILMINGTON
13 IMPERIAL INTO THE SOUTH BAY. IT'S JUST AMAZING. WE NEED MORE
14 HELP.

15

16 **INGRID THOMAS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS SACARI
17 INGRID THOMAS. I'M WITH QUEENS HISTORICAL SOCIETY. WE PRODUCE
18 PROGRAMS ON AFRICAN ROYAL HISTORY AND CULTURE FOR SCHOOL
19 CHILDREN. WE'VE BEEN DOING THIS AT THE CAL STATE LONG BEACH
20 PYRAMID ON AND OFF SINCE 1999. AND IN SEPTEMBER I CAME AND
21 BROUGHT A COMPLAINT BEFORE YOU. I DID GET AN OPPORTUNITY TO
22 MEET WITH YOUR EDUCATION COORDINATOR, GAIL TIERNEY, AND SHE'S
23 BEEN VERY HELPFUL. SHE WAS ALSO SUPPOSED TO SCHEDULE A MEETING
24 WITH YOUR CHIEF OF STAFF. HOWEVER, WE HAVE BEEN WAITING. WE
25 HAVE NOT HAD THAT MEETING YET. QUEEN MOTHER LILLIAN MOBLEY,



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1 WAS ON OUR BOARD OF ADVISORS, OUR COUNCIL OF ELDERS, SHE
2 RECOMMENDED THAT WE SET UP A MEETING TO SPEAK WITH YOU
3 REGARDING THIS ISSUE. AND SO I'M HERE TODAY TO FOLLOW UP TO
4 SEE WHAT WE CAN DO TO RESOLVE OUR COMPLAINT.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, OBVIOUSLY WE CAN MEET WITH
7 YOU. IT'S LONG BEACH STATE'S ISSUE; IT'S NOT OUR ISSUE. BUT I
8 WILL HAVE MY CHIEF OF STAFF COME OUT AND VISIT WITH YOU AND WE
9 WILL SET UP A MEETING.

10

11 **INGRID THOMAS:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. THANK YOU. BUT I JUST DON'T WANT ANY FALSE
14 HOPES, BECAUSE IT'S NOT OUR ISSUE. THE UNIVERSITY HAS TO
15 DECIDE ON THIS ISSUE, NOT US. WE'VE MADE THE CONTACT. YOU
16 REALLY NEED TO MEET WITH THE UNIVERSITY AND NOT US.

17

18 **INGRID THOMAS:** YOU SAID YOU MADE THE CONTACT?

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20 **SUP. KNABE:** AH-HUH.

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22 **INGRID THOMAS:** I WASN'T AWARE OF THAT.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL YOU BROUGHT THE ISSUE TO OUR ATTENTION. WE
2 MADE THE CONTACT TO SEE WHAT -- BUT THEY NEED TO DEAL WITH
3 YOU. IT'S REALLY OUT OF OUR HANDS.

4

5 **INGRID THOMAS:** NO ONE EXPLAINED THAT TO ME. I HAVEN'T HEARD
6 THAT AT ALL.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. WE'LL TRY TO FACILITATE A
9 MEETING. YOU CAN ALWAYS MEET WITH US. BUT I THINK WE SHOULD
10 TRY TO FACILITATE A MEETING WITH THE UNIVERSITY FOR YOU.

11

12 **INGRID THOMAS:** THAT WOULD BE GREAT. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. HAVE A NICE HOLIDAY.

15

16 **INGRID THOMAS:** YOU, TOO. IS YOUR CHIEF OF STAFF HERE?

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18 **WANDA SOLOMON:** YES. HI, MISS MOLINA. YES, GOOD AFTERNOON,
19 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. MY
20 NAME IS WANDA SOLOMON AND I'M AN ORGANIZER AND I'M A FOUNDER
21 OF SINGLE PARENTS OF AMERICA. I'M A MOTHER OF THREE CHILDREN.
22 AND I AM IN SUPPORT OF MANY OF THE ISSUES THAT HAVE GONE ON
23 WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. FOR ONE THING, I WANTED TO
24 BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION THAT OVER THE MANY YEARS AS A LOW
25 INCOME WELFARE MOTHER I HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO MUCH HARSH



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1 TREATMENT BY THE COUNTY. AND SOME OF THE INFORMATION AND CASES
2 UNDER MY NAME STILL LINGER ON. AND MY NEW YEAR'S PRESENT AND
3 CHRISTMAS PRESENT TO ME OVER THE MANY, MANY YEARS IS TO CLEAR
4 MY NAME. MANY FALSE STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE AGAINST ME. THE
5 COUNTY HAS MADE SEVERAL ERRORS AS FAR AS THE WELFARE IS
6 CONCERNED, AS FAR AS WORKING FOR THE COUNTY REGISTRAR'S
7 OFFICE. AND I AM A SUPPORTER OF THE CITY AND THE COUNTY OF
8 CALIFORNIA. AND MY CHILDREN HAVE SUFFERED BEHIND MANY OF THESE
9 MISTAKES THAT HAVE BEEN MADE. I HAVE ONE 17-YEAR-OLD SON NOW
10 THAT IS GOING THROUGH THE MENTAL HEALTH STRUCTURE THROUGH THE
11 COUNTY, AND I NEED YOUR HELP IN GETTING THINGS STRAIGHTENED
12 OUT WITH MY 17-YEAR-OLD SON. ALSO, I AM SUFFERING WITH A
13 HEALTH CARE DILEMMA THAT I NEED YOUR SUPPORT ON, AS FAR AS MY
14 DENTAL HEALTHCARE AND HOW I CAN GET FUNDING FOR THAT. IT'S
15 GOING TO COST ME OVER \$7,000. AND I AM IN NEED OF
16 ORGANIZATIONS THAT CAN HELP SUPPORT THIS MATTER, THIS IS VERY
17 SERIOUS. IT'S A LIFE OR DEATH HEALTH ISSUE THAT I AM FACING.
18 AND I COME TO YOU AFTER MANY YEARS OF SUPPORT AND DILIGENT --
19 I'VE LABORED IN THIS AREA. AND I NEED TO SPEAK WITH SOMEONE
20 WHO WOULD LOOK INTO THIS MATTER FOR ME. I'D LIKE A FRESH START
21 AS A MOTHER, AS A SINGLE MOTHER. AND TO GET MY LIFE BACK ON
22 TRACK AS FAR AS GOING BACK TO COLLEGE AND GETTING WORK AND
23 CURRENTLY I'M ON DISABILITY RIGHT NOW. I DON'T HAVE THE
24 FINANCES TO GET THE DENTAL WORK THAT I NEED. AND IT'S GOING TO
25 COST \$7,000 AND I'M LOOKING TO YOU TO LOOK INTO THIS



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1 HEALTHCARE CASE FOR ME. I AM IN SUPPORT OF THE DR. MARTIN
2 LUTHER KING HOSPITAL. I'VE COME DOWN HERE AND SPOKE ON MANY
3 ISSUES. AND RIGHT NOW AS I GO INTO 2010, I'D LIKE A NEW SMILE,
4 A NEW NAME, AND JUST TO HAVE PRIDE IN BEING THE PARENT AND THE
5 MOTHER THAT I KNOW I CAN BE. HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU AND THANK
6 YOU VERY MUCH.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. O'ROURKE?

9

10 **WANDA SOLOMON:** IS THERE SOMEONE I COULD SPEAK TO? THANK YOU.

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12 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** YEAH, HELLO THERE. I'VE BEEN COMING TO YOU
13 FOR MANY YEARS ABOUT THE D.C.F.S., BUT LET ME GO AHEAD AND GO
14 BACK TO THE ORIGINAL REASON WHY I'M HERE AND WHY I'M WITH
15 D.C.F.S. THERE'S A PROBLEM WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH
16 ACCOMMODATION OR ACCLAMATION OR COMBINING OF RESOURCES OR
17 REFERRALS OR WHATEVER WITH THAT AND D.C.F.S. LET ME GIVE YOU
18 SOME PERSONAL HISTORY. AS A CHILD, I WAS ADMITTED INTO CHILD
19 SERVICES AT THE AGE OF 2 AND THEN AGAIN AT AGE OF 4. MY
20 PARENTS, BASICALLY THERE WAS A COMMOTION IN THE HOUSEHOLD. MY
21 FOSTER MOM BROKE INTO THE RESTROOM WHERE YOU KNOW IT WAS A
22 GIRLS' HOME AT THE TIME, AND WHERE MY MOTHER WAS GIVING ME A
23 BATH, WHERE SHE WAS ALLOWED TO BY THE FOSTER MOTHER. AND MY
24 FOSTER MOTHER WAS GONE BEFORE I KNEW IT. RIGHT AFTER THERE, I
25 WAS SUBMITTED TO U.C.L.A. FOR TESTING OF EXPERIMENTAL DRUGS.



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1 THAT CAUSED ME TO HAVE SEIZURES VERY EARLY ON IN LIFE. I NO
2 LONGER HAVE THEM, BUT THE EXPERIMENTAL MEDICATION THAT WAS
3 GIVEN AFTER THAT, DILANTIN, CAUSES ME NOW PAIN. I HAD SOFT
4 BONES. MY JAW'S MALFORMED. I HAVE SCOLIOSIS, SPINAL BIFIDA
5 OCULTA, IN THE LOWER BACK THAT INCLUDES THREE TO FIVE
6 VERTEBRAE, INCLUDING SCOLIOSIS OF THE NECK AND A STRAIGHTENING
7 OF THE SPINE AND A BONY CALCIUM DEPOSIT. THESE HAVE CAUSED ME
8 UNTOLD PAIN. I RARELY TAKE PAIN MEDICATION UNTIL RECENTLY. AND
9 I'VE GOTTEN OVER THIS. UNTIL MY CHILD, UNBORN CHILD, WAS
10 SUBMITTED TO CLASS C MEDICATION AT THE EDELMAN WESTSIDE MENTAL
11 HEALTH CENTER. NOW, MY EXPERIENCE IN FOSTER CARE WITH THESE
12 EXPERIMENTAL DRUGS AND FURTHER, WHAT DO YOU CALL IT?
13 AGITATION, INTERFERENCE WITH BASICALLY THE NORMAL, WHAT DO YOU
14 CALL IT? PROCESS IN WHICH AN OB-GYN BASICALLY PROTECTS AND
15 UNDERSTANDS THE DRUGS THAT ARE BEING GIVEN TO A CHARGE UNDER
16 HIS CARE? MY DAUGHTER WAS IN DANGER. SHE WAS -- MY WIFE WAS
17 GIVEN AN ABILIFY, AMONG OTHER DRUGS, SEROQUEL. AND MANY OF THE
18 DRUGS THAT ARE NOW UNDER, GOING UNDER, WHAT DO YOU CALL IT?
19 UNDER ALL THESE LAWSUITS FOR THE DANGERS THAT THESE IMPOSE.
20 THIS IS AN ONGOING PROCESS AT ALL MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES,
21 BUT ESPECIALLY THOSE ON THE WEST SIDE, MR. YAROSLAVSKY AND
22 ANTONOVICH, THESE AGENCIES IN YOUR SIDE OF THE COUNTY ACTUALLY
23 ARE INCLUDING PUSHING THESE DRUGS ON PREGNANT WOMEN, EVEN
24 THOUGH THE MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS OF THESE WOMEN ARE NOT --
25 ARE MINOR.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** TIME IS UP.

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4 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** I WOULD LIKE YOUR OFFICES TO CONTACT ME.

5 I'LL GIVE MY NUMBER TO THE CLERK. THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THAT CONCLUDES ALL OF OUR ITEMS

8 TODAY. I'M SORRY? SO I WILL HAVE OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER PLEASE.

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10 **SUP. KNABE:** I ALSO WANT TO WISH EVERYBODY A MERRY CHRISTMAS

11 AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS, TO THE ENTIRE COUNTY FAMILY AND THOSE

12 WATCHING OUT THERE. A HEALTHY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TOO.

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14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE, THANK YOU SO

15 MUCH.

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17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU. IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT

18 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF

19 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO.

20 CS-1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT

21 EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE, AND CS-2, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

22 CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF

23 FIRE CHIEF AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, AND ITEM CS-3,

24 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE

25 TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL



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1 AGENDA. IN ADDITION, AS STATED IN OPEN SESSION, THE BOARD WILL
2 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO. 3 ON THE POSTED
3 AGENDA, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING INITIATION OF
4 LITIGATION ONE CASE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION
5 54956.9, SUBSECTION C. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEXT REGULAR
6 MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 12TH, 2010. THANK
7 YOU.

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1 REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON DECEMBER 22, 2009

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5 The Board continued item CS-1 to January 19, 2010.

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7 CS-2. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT (Government Code Section 54957)

8 Consideration of candidates for appointment to the position of

9 Fire Chief. (09-2703)

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11 ACTION TAKEN: The Board instructed the Chief Executive Officer

12 to work with the Acting County Counsel to negotiate an

13 extension of the Fire Chief s at will contract.

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15 The vote of the Board was unanimous with all Supervisors being

16 present.

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18 No reportable action was taken on item CS-3.

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